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Relief camps will shelter 300,000 but Kurds may have to wait two weeks for them to open

US troops move in to set up safe havens

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

AMERICAN troops moved into northern Iraq yesterday to start setting up safe havens for hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees. But the Pentagon said it could take two weeks for the camps to be operational.

America, Britain and France are sending up to 13,000 troops to build, run and guard half a dozen camps, each of which will shelter about 60,000 refugees. The first US forces were ordered into action as President Bush announced the strategy on Tuesday.

By midday yesterday, potential sites on flat ground near Zakho and Dahuk had been identified from aerial photographs, and military survey teams were flown in by helicopter to inspect them.

If the sites were suitable, engineers and construction teams would begin building the camps tomorrow or Friday, while other troops would forge supply lines using roads, railways and helicopters. When the camps were ready, the American psychological operations team would use leaflet drops and speaker vans to try to persuade the refugees to come down from the mountains. In the meantime, relief operations would be expanded, the Pentagon said.

The camps would be protected by air and ground troops and rapid-reaction forces would be based in Turkey ready to fly in if the camps came under threat. Combat air patrols over Iraq were to be increased.

Iraq has denounced the plans and accused the allies of continuing to meddle in the country's internal affairs. But the Pentagon remained confident yesterday that Iraqi forces would not interfere with the aid operation.

Between five and ten thousand American troops are expected to be involved in the project, with Britain sending another two thousand and France a thousand. The operation is to be come under the auspices of the American forces' European command based in Germany, rather than Centcom, which ran the Gulf war from Riyadh.

Centcom announced yesterday that General Norman Schwarzkopf and his Operation Desert Storm command team would be moving back to America on Saturday. All American forces involved in the war have now withdrawn from southern Iraq, apart from a narrow border zone.

About 40,000 Iraqis have sought refuge along the border, including 11,000 receiving food and medical care at the American-run refugee camp at Safwan. Shia Muslims there yesterday called for enclaves to be formed for them. One said: "We listen to the radio and it is always about the Kurds. What about us? When all the American troops have left here, we will be at the mercy of Saddam's men. We need soldiers to protect us. Are we different from the Kurds?"

Iranian officials were also concerned about the plight of more than a million refugees massing on its border, but Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told the Commons yesterday that there were no plans for similar camps there.

Kurdish leaders welcomed the establishment of the camps, but those on the mountains have yet to be convinced that they will be safe.

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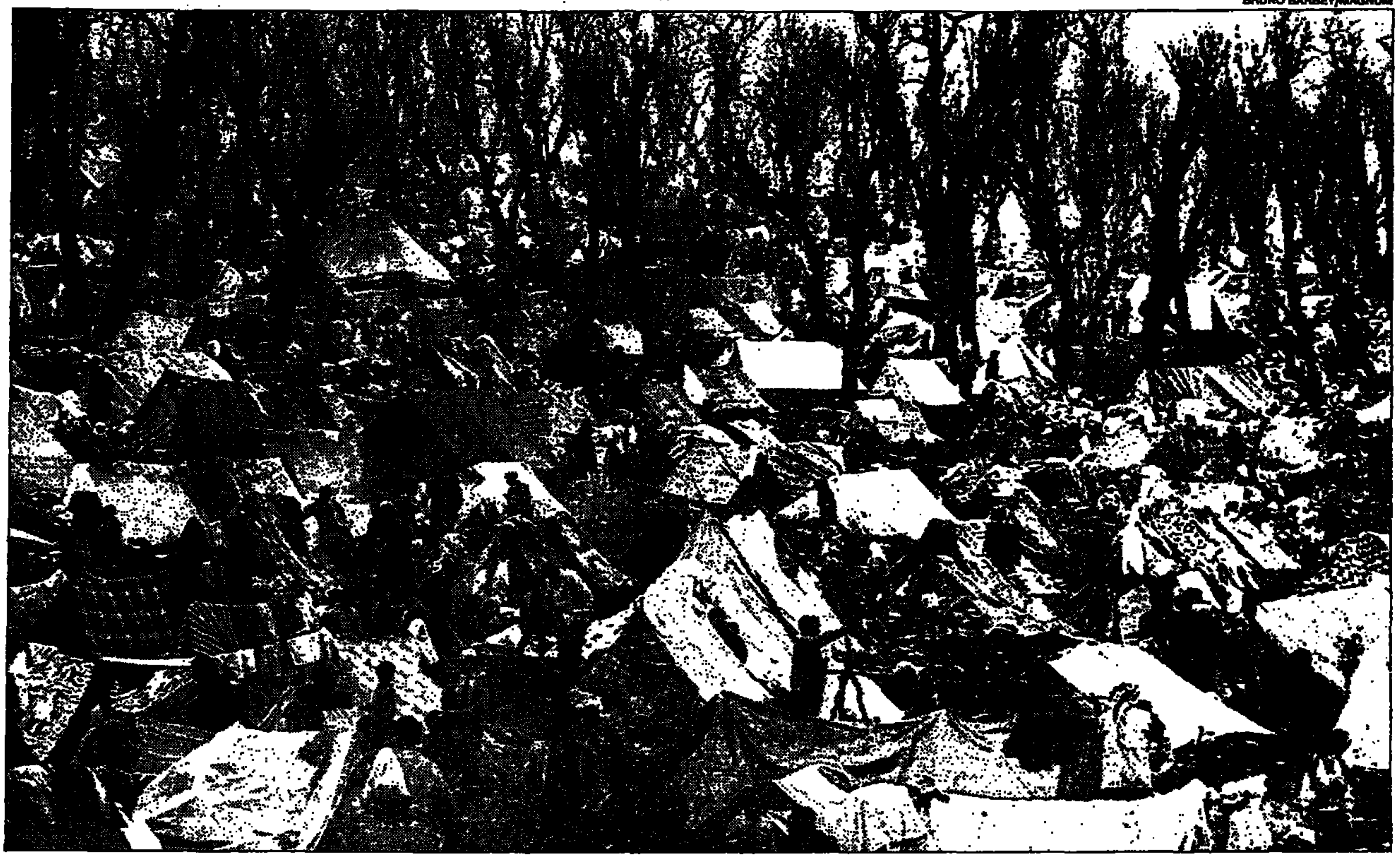
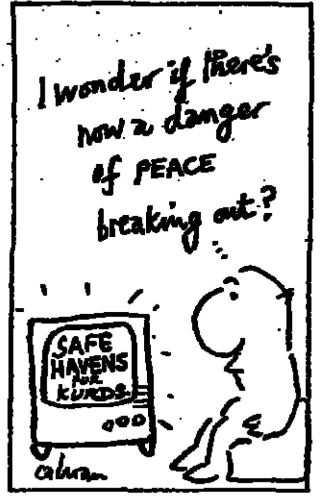


Canvas slum: the bleak view across the Kurdish camp at Isikveren, in southern Turkey, where 150,000 refugees are living on a mountainside amid a sea of mud and excrement



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Too frightened to seek camp refuge

From Christopher Walker in Isikveren

DESPITE nightmarish conditions, more shocking in the flesh than anything depicted by television footage, many of the refugee Kurds are either too frightened or too sick to contemplate a return on foot over the snow-capped mountains to the safe havens promised by President Bush.

Yesterday, as heavy lorries bringing American military equipment raced towards the new forward base at Silopi in their hundreds, many refugees flatly refused to walk back overland to Iraq, one Kurdish woman telling reporters that she would only go if the US organised an airlift. Meanwhile hundreds of new refugees continue to swarm down the mountainsides from Iraq.

Deaths are now so frequent at this, the largest and most horrendous of the 12 Kurdish refugee camps in Turkey, that inmates no longer have enough spades to dig graves in the treacly, excrement-polluted mud, and use pieces of bark pulled from the dwindling number of trees. Yet even now, with the prospect of Western military protection, many Kurds say they will not return to Iraq because of the fearsome spectre of President Saddam Hussein.

Acrid smoke from tens of thousands of mountainside fires, combined with the all-pervading stench of human effluent and the rotting remains of devoured animals, provide an unforgettable 20th-century version of the visions of Hieronymus Bosch.

In just five minutes, I watched six burials at one of the eight expanding cemeteries now scarring the huge camp area, which provides an increasingly hazardous refuge for up to 150,000 people. The ages of the victims, all killed by dysentery, ranged from three months to 60 years.

"We cannot go back until you have got rid of Saddam Hussein. How can we be sure that he will not attack us again? Please tell President Bush that he must please kill him and then we will return to Zakho tomorrow," said a teacher of English from the Iraqi border town, who appeared to speak for many.

Others will be more easily convinced and more than 1,000 have already begun the long trek back through hazardous, often mined, border country because they were so appalled by the chaos at Isikveren, where at least 1,000 refugees have died. After nearly three weeks, the camp is so lacking water that thirsty Turkish soldiers beg from visitors who make the three-mile trudge from the base camp below.

As slowly rising temperatures melt the snow which has been the main source of water — mountains of waterbottles remain unmoved at the base camp because of lack of transport — the threat of disease becomes ever larger. Many refugees have yellow,

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New European bank hit by investment wrangles

The new European bank is seriously split over the issue of investment in eastern Germany, reports ***Wolfgang Münchau***

Bitter wrangling has broken out between the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, launched in London this week, and some of its key shareholders over its involvement in eastern Germany.

The dispute is understood to have led to a clash between Jacques Attali, the bank's president, who is strongly in favour of it taking a stake in eastern German companies, and Nicholas Brady, the United States treasury secretary, who has opposed the idea on the grounds that eastern Germany is primarily the responsibility of the German government and the European Community.

There appears also to exist a covert and rare alliance between the Americans and the European Commission, which is also a shareholder in the bank and is worried about its political aspirations, fearing it could emerge as a competiting institution.

The United States, with a 10 per cent stake the bank's biggest shareholder, has led the internal opposition to M Attali's desire to invest in Germany, and has the support of some of the bank's other large shareholders. According to one official, M Attali was shouted down at a meeting before the bank's official launch. He wanted the bank's merchant banking arm to participate by way of small equity investments in the eastern German privatisation process, the largest operation of its kind.

M Attali wants to invest in eastern Germany partly because the privatisation process there is more advanced and structured there than in other Central and East European countries, and also because the country promises a wide range of lucrative investment opportunities.

The merchant banking operation is the European Bank's key pillar, since its private-sector engagements will account for about 60 per cent of its 10 billion Ecu (£7 billion) capital. The merchant bank, like any private sector bank, will operate on sound financial principles and, according to one source, the absence of Germany in its portfolio is likely to make this task more difficult.

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UN clashes with West over forces for northern Iraq

By James Bone in New York and Robin Oakley in London

THE United Nations clashed directly with the United States, Britain and France yesterday as Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, challenged the West's legal right to deploy troops in northern Iraq to establish refugee camps.

He said a UN team was working on its own plan, and United Nations officials said an imminent UN agreement with Baghdad was now at risk. A UN official in Baghdad said President Bush was "on a collision course with the UN".

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in the Commons that the safe havens would eventually come under UN control. Government officials expressed frustration over UN "hesitancy", and said the announcement of the Western initiative had been delayed on Tuesday night while the United States and Britain "leaned on" Señor Pérez de Cuéllar. But the secretary-general made it clear in Paris yesterday that he still had strong doubts. He said the presence of foreign military personnel in Iraq posed a problem from the legal standpoint, "even if there is no difficulty from the moral and humanitarian point of view".

Asked in Paris if he thought the Western military presence should be established in Iraq without Iraqi approval, the secretary-general said: "No, no, no."

He added: "We have in any case to be in touch first of all with the Iraqis. It is a question of sovereignty."

He said the UN team in Baghdad was discussing the creation of "reception centres" both for Kurdish refugees and for Shia Muslims.

In Baghdad, Erik Suy, the UN special envoy, said Iraq had agreed to the creation of "humanitarian centres" but not to Western troops. This created an "absolutely new element, in the light of which we will have to reconsider our position".

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, co-ordinator of the UN relief effort in the Gulf, meanwhile announced in Baghdad that the signing of an agreement on the UN operation with the Iraqi government, due yesterday, had been postponed at Baghdad's request.

Mr Hurd praised the prime minister's perseverance with the safe havens idea "when many clever people were saying it was washed up and would never happen".

Poll tax statement demanded

By Philip Webster

BRYAN Gould, the shadow environment secretary, last night demanded a statement from the government today on its plans for a poll tax replacement. He said voters and local election candidates were being kept in the dark.

Senior government sources said that there would be no statement until a document on local government reform had been published.

The opposition will press for information today when the cabinet approves a plan for a property tax based on two-person households, with discounts for people living alone. David Blunkett, local government spokesman, said the delay was a smokescreen to hide deep cabinet divisions.

Lies, damned lies and the cost of corset laces

By Alan Hamilton

OH YES, those were the days. In 1914 you could buy a pound of beef, half a stone of flour, a pound each of tea and sugar, and a four-pound loaf, and still have change out of four bob. Nowadays, with the purchasing power of a pre-Great War pound reduced to a little over 2p, the same amount would just about buy you a box of matches and a very quick phone call and the same grocery basket would cost, at the very least, £8.50.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Central Statistical Office has produced an historical study of the retail prices index and its precursor, the cost-of-living index.

Being the damned lies they are, statistics must be regarded with some caution but they do show the shifting priorities of life over 77 years. When the cost-of-living index was first introduced in 1914, the basket of essentials upon which it was based included hard soap, candles, corset lacing, table mangles, banister brushes and workmen's omnibus and tramcar fares. Today's RPI traces the cost of such necessities as frozen ready-cooked meals, microwave ovens, telephones, compact disc players, videos, tumble driers and satellite dishes. There is not a corset lace or candle in sight.

Inflation does not rise inexorably; it only seems that way. Over the years the annual rate of change has swung between a record fall of 28 per cent in 1922, reflecting the depression which followed the post-war boom, and a record increase of 26.9 per cent, which caused Harold Wilson sleepless nights in 1975. But it has nevertheless been rising for long enough; the last recorded fall was in 1960, and that was only 0.5 per cent.

Between 1914 and 1920 prices rose two and a half times, bringing misery to the corset lace and banister brush buyers of the urban poor; during the depression years of the twenties and thirties they fell to early wartime levels.

By the end of the Second World War prices were approximately double their 1914 levels. But inflation is properly a disease of the post-war years; since 1947 prices have increased eighteen-fold, which may help to explain why nobody buys corset laces any more.

We spend on different things now. In 1956, food accounted for 35 per cent of family spending; by last year it had fallen to 16 per cent. In the same period motoring costs rose from three to 13 per cent of family spending. As for banister brushes, the government does not even bother to collect the figures now.

Even since 1953, the upward spiral of inflation has been horribly impressive. In that year 20 cigarettes cost the equivalent of 21p; by January 1991 they had risen to 171p. In the same period a pint of milk rose from 3p to 32p, a pound of cheese from 5p to 151p, and a pint of beer from 9p to 116p or more.

Wages, of course, have risen to match. A bricklayer who earned 40s 7d (£2.03) a week in 1914 would now collect about £200, thus allowing him to keep his wife comfortably in corset laces and table mangles, and perhaps even leaving enough over for a compact disc.

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Behind the scenes: George Bush had been contemplating a "security zone" solution to the plight of the Kurdish refugees, but Washington was caught on the hop when the Turkish president, Turgut Ozal, went on television to disclose his idea for a "buffer zone". John Major then smartly unveiled his own plan for "safe havens" for the Kurds — but it took a diplomatic deal with Mr Mitterrand to win him French support

How the Kurds were saved from Saddam

The creation of a safe haven for the Kurds inside Iraq was achieved only after a fortnight of intense manoeuvring. The man who displayed the greatest diplomacy on the world stage was the prime minister. For, as **Nicholas Wood** in London and **Martin Fletcher** in Washington report, it was his skills which turned a scheme fraught with political difficulties into reality.

THE lowest point in John Major's 15-day personal Odyssey to bring succour to the legions of dispossessed Kurds dying in their thousands of cold and hunger in the mountains of northern Iraq came at Arsenal football club a fortnight ago yesterday.

The prime minister, a keen Chelsea supporter, could not have been comforted by the sight of their London rivals crushing Aston Villa 5-0. But far more painful for him was the realisation that Margaret Thatcher, his predecessor, had emerged from enforced retirement to champion the cause of the refugees.

That same afternoon, Mrs Thatcher had stepped onto her Belgravia pavement to tell the world that "legal niceties" could not be allowed to stand in the way of a people's salvation. Mr Major, already under fire for his alleged dallying over the poll tax, could have imagined the rest. The Kurdish emigrés duly obliged, letting it be known that they had appreciated the chance to talk to a "doer not a ditherer".

By the time he had reached Highbury stadium, Mr Major, from the comfort of his bullet-proof Daimler, had acted to limit the damage. After frantic discussions with his aides, including at least three telephone calls during the match, he brought forward the announcement of an outline plan to bring relief to the Kurds.

Nevertheless, the morning headlines made grim reading. "The voice of conscience . . . It takes Maggie to speak out for the Kurds" trumpeted the *Daily Mail* over a story contrasting George Bush's enthusiasm for golf and Mr Major's passion for football with Mrs Thatcher's sense of occasion. That Thursday, April 4, Mr Major cut short his week's break in Huntingdon to return to London to take charge of the biggest political problem to hit his desk since arriving in the hot seat.

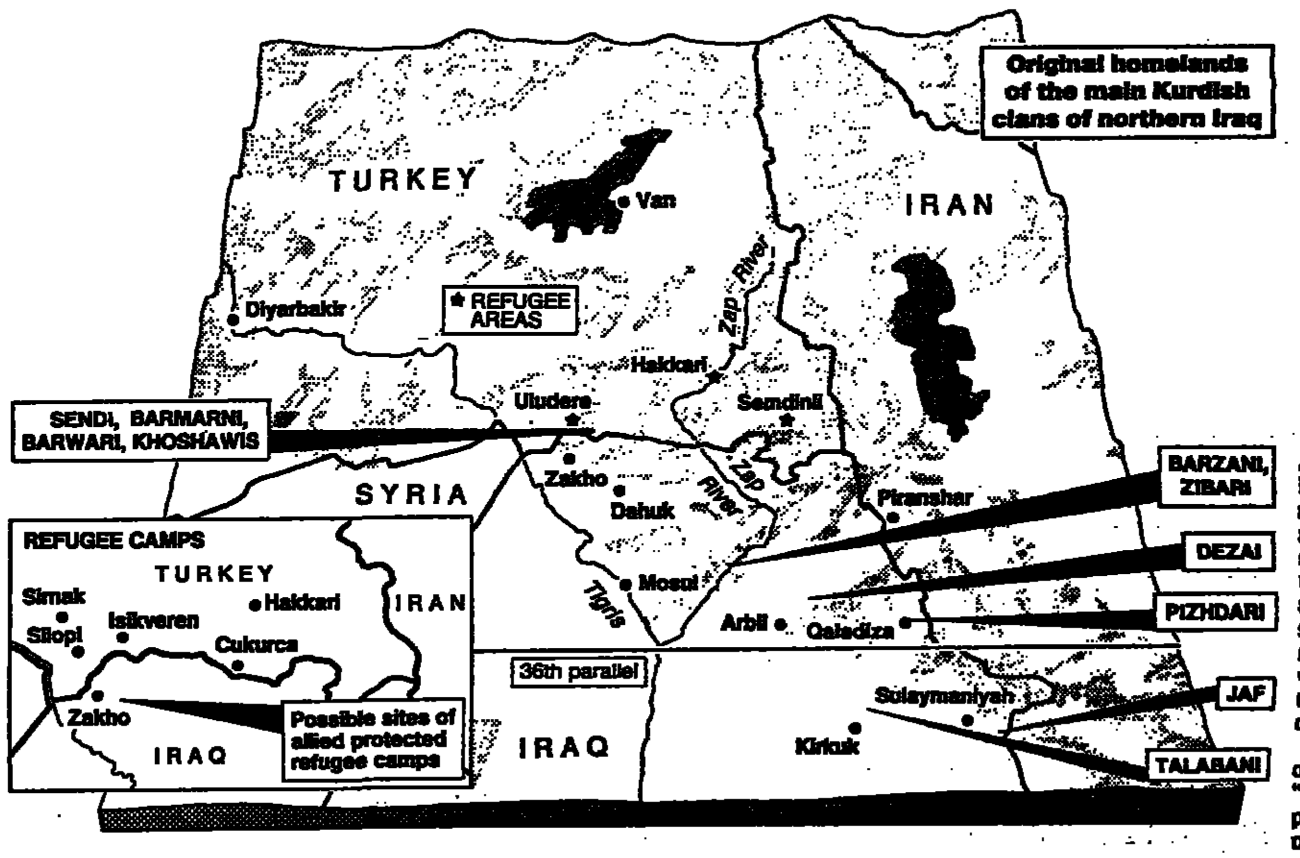
As ever in politics, the criticism was not totally fair. According to one senior Foreign Office source yesterday, after witnessing the harrowing scenes on television of the Kurds fleeing from President Saddam Hussein's avenging army, the prime minister had been driving forward an international relief operation on behalf of the Kurds two days before Mrs Thatcher dramatically raised the stakes.

Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office duty minister during the Easter recess, had been left in no doubt of the prime minister's intentions by Stephen Wall, his private secretary responsible for foreign affairs, on the Monday before. "The message was simple: this thing is serious. We want action now," the source said yesterday. But for the next two days Whitehall's wheels ground slowly as the Overseas Development Administration wavered over the £20 million costs of the Major plan.

By Wednesday, even before Mrs Thatcher's sensational intervention, things were beginning to take shape. On Thursday, April 4 Mr Major gave details of the £20 million mountain airlift, while still ruling out military intervention. But the real work was going on behind the scenes on a plan that was to take the European Community and the Americans unawares at special summit of EC leaders in Luxembourg on the following Monday.

With Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, on top of Taishan, China's most sacred mountain, Mr Major took personal charge of what was to be unveiled as the safe havens plan in Luxembourg. As one delighted minister put it yesterday, "he saw the greasy ball lying on the grass, scooped it up, rubbed it twice on his shirt, put his head down, and ran for the line. It was magic." The prime minister had "bounced" both the Americans and the Europeans into following Britain's lead.

The details of the prime minister's "safe haven" plan were not finalised until he reached Luxembourg on the Monday of the EC summit.



But before he announced them, he secured another diplomatic deal with President Mitterrand of France.

In the shadow of the summit, the French chaired a meeting of the Western European Union which pledged aid to southeast Turkey. The French want the EC to absorb the union and play a military role in Europe, something Britain and the US have resisted. By letting M Mitterand have his way, Mr Major won French backing for his plan.

On the flight to Luxembourg, Mr Major was warned about the risks of pressing his scheme by close advisers. "He was warned that the US was not on board and that the administration wanted to get their troops back home," one insider said. "He was told he would need troops to make the safe havens plan work. We all said to him 'we cannot guarantee success on this. You have to realise there is a possibility of failure and that the Americans and the Europeans might say no.' "

Mr Major, perhaps determined to rid himself of the dithering tag once and for all, was adamant that they should press on. Backed by Douglas Hogg, junior minister at the Foreign Office, he told his officials: "It's the right thing to do. Get on with it." At the prime minister's behest, Mr O'Donnell performed one vital service, translating the mandarin words of the Foreign Office into a four-point plan that could be ready assimilated by the media.

The Americans were told of the plan only after the prime minister arrived in Luxembourg. Mr Wall briefed Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, and Mr Major sent a message direct to President Bush. Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador to the UN, set about persuading the Russians and the Chinese that by interfering in Iraq Britain was not seeking to set a precedent for Georgia and Tibet.

Mr Major's enclave proposal received the chilliest of receptions in Washington. Unwilling publicly to snub an ally, Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, instead damned it with faint praise, saying it had "some merits" and was "worthy of consideration". Privately senior administration officials complained that the British had failed to consult Washington before putting the idea to the EC and listed a string of objections.

The Americans had already been caught on the hop the day before when Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, had found himself in the studios of ABC Television when the Turkish president, Turgut Ozal, announced a "buffer state" proposal on air.

One senior American official told *The Times* that the idea would never get through the UN Security Council because China and the Soviet Union would argue that it violated the sovereignty of a member state. It threatened the permanent fragmentation of Iraq because the enclaves, once established, would be far harder to dismantle. It would almost certainly mean US troops re-entering Iraq because 'we don't see anyone else volunteering".

In the face of British and European determination to forge ahead, the Bush administration was obliged to devise its own counterplan which was first disclosed by an official travelling from Turkey to the Middle East with Mr Baker on Wednesday last week.

Mr Fitzwater announced that America had told the Iraqis to cease all military activities in the air and on the ground north of parallel 36 so that relief operations could proceed unhindered, thus creating what White House officials privately admitted was a de facto safe haven.

That night Mr Bush telephoned Mr Major, and after a 20-minute conversation Downing Street and the White House both issued statements saying the two leaders had agreed on the need for a safe haven.

In a telephone conversation conducted on first name terms, Mr Major told the US leader that aid would not be enough and it was vital to get the Kurds off the mountains. Sir David Hannay tackled the problem of convincing the UN to abandon the cherished principle of non-intervention, and by Monday, after talks with Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary general, he was making headway.

Mr Major then spoke to President Bush and Señor Pérez de Cuéllar on Tuesday night, firming up an agreement that insiders reckoned was 70 per cent in the bag.

By the time of the joint Washington and Downing Street announcements about the use of force to secure the havens, the prime minister's days as a ditherer — if not President Bush's — appeared to be numbered.

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Hoping for a haven: a Kurdish woman and baby wait for transfer from the refugee camp at Isikveren, Turkey

Policy of Iraq erodes loyalty to clans

By Hazhir Temourian

ALTHOUGH many of the Iraqi Kurds seeking refuge along the borders of Turkey and Iran would describe themselves as belonging to tribes, the word clan would more accurately describe their social structures. The great majority maintain only tenuous links with their former chiefs, and they are certainly no longer nomadic.

Most are, voluntarily or otherwise, settled in towns or "resettlement camps" especially created by the government of Iraq to make supervision over the Kurds' movements easier.

It is estimated that at least three thousand Kurdish villages were razed during the 1980s to deprive Kurdish guerrillas of support in the countryside and to facilitate the forced assimilation of the Kurds into Arab culture. As villages were the heartland of tribal loyalties, the traditional social structure of the Kurds suffered badly.

Another important factor undermining tribal loyalties has been the natural growth of towns, which have attracted villagers searching for jobs and higher standards of living. The city of Arbil, one of the most ancient cities of the world, with archaeological records indicating some eleven thousand years of continuous human habitation, has seen its population grow rapidly during this century.

The emotional pull of the clan, however, remains strong in many parts of Kurdistan and is often romanticised in songs and novels even where such works are banned.

● **Havens welcomed:** The leader of one of the main Iraqi Kurdish resistance groups yesterday welcomed the announcement of the creation of safe havens for Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq (Nicholas Watt writes).

Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, told Radio 4's *Today* programme that the announcement was a "good step forward". But he warned that it was not enough in itself.

"The Kurdish problem is not a problem of refugees. It is the problem of escaping the dangers of annihilation, of genocide, of deportation."

Mountain strongholds conceal a race apart

By Philip Howard

THE Kurds in their mountain fastnesses have kept themselves to themselves in history and literature, apart from sporadic invasion and genocide, now happening again. Yet they have remained in the same place for longer than most other races on earth, perhaps because it is so undesirable and inhospitable a place, though wildly beautiful, if you like romantic scenery.

The oldest Sumerian records show that not later than 2000 BC a people called Kuti, later Kurtie, was living in the mountainous region of the upper Tigris. Persian epic poems record the great Kurdish tribes, the Bokhtis, the Mukris, the Habadanis, the Mihranis, the Babans and others, as existing as early as the 6th century BC, and living the same sort of life as today. This makes them the oldest aristocracy in the world.

The ancient Greeks and Romans thought the Kurds were the original Aryans, the great-grandfathers of all Indo-Europeans, and called them Medes. Herodotus is interesting about their system of devolved rule, as opposed to Persian direct rule. He describes their dress in the army of Xerxes: "They wore on their heads loose caps called tiaras and, on their bodies, sleeved tunics of blended colours, and corselets with iron plates, something like fish scales; on their legs, trousers; and instead of shields they had wicker bucklers."

They make frequent guest appearances in the bible. When King Darius wants to deliver Daniel from the lions' den into which he has been cast, his think-tank and policy advisers tell him: "Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed." So they gave us one of the oldest proverbs in English, mediated by our richest well of language and catchphrase, the Authorised Version. Here is Wilkes's chum, Charles Churchill, trotting out the old saw again in a poem called *Ghost* in 1762: "For what his greatness hath decreed,/Like laws of Persia and of Mede,/Must never of repeal admit."

The name of Kurd appears in English literature, though not as often as Mede. The Kurds appear as spear-carriers, naturally, in Gibbon: "The arrows of the Carduchians. Their posterity, the Curds, acknowledge the nominal sovereignty of the Turkish sultan." Byron: "Asia, where Kaff looks down on Kurd." Newman: "Saladin was a Kurd." T. E. Lawrence: "It was an ordinary bell tent, furnished with a fairly good Kurd rug, a poor Shirazi, and a delightful old Baluch prayer-carpet on which he prayed." D. M. Lang: "Many of the neighbours of the Armenians in antiquity have vanished from the map, like the Hittites: or relapsed into barbarism, like the Kurds, descendants of the proud Medes."

Because they are out of the main tide of history, apart from invasion by Arabs, Mongols, Turks and Iraq, the Kurds did not attract many of the curious band of English travel writers. But John Cartwright wrote in *Purchas his Pilgrimes* in 1625: "The Curdies some think to be a remnant of the ancient Parthians. These rude people are of a goodly stature, and well proportioned, and doe never goe abroad without their Armes."

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Baghdad rejects safe haven scheme as internal meddling

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE Iraqi government yesterday denounced as meddling in its internal affairs, allied plans to set up refugee camps protected by troops in northern Iraq, but did not repeat last week's veiled threat that it would use force to resist them. President Bush's announcement, that protected camps were to be established, was welcomed by Turkey, whose president was the first to envisage safe havens in Iraq that would remove hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees from its soil.

However, Iranian officials were understood to be angered by the prospect of Western forces near Iran's border guarding camps that may not even alleviate its huge refugee burden.

Ahmed Husain Khudayer, Iraq's foreign minister, accused Washington and the allies of continuing to meddle in Iraq's internal affairs and said the operation would hamper efforts by UN envoys in Baghdad to help the refugees. "Such an attitude is a continuation of the policy of intervention in Iraq's internal affairs," Mr Khudayer told the state-run Iraqi news agency. He said that in practical terms the safe havens plan was unnecessary because Iraq had already agreed in principle to allow unarmed UN personnel to set up "humanitarian centres" in northern and southern Iraq for Kurds and Shias.

Kurdish leaders praised President Bush's plan as an important step forward, but called for a permanent solution to the Kurdish problem.

Iraqi Shia leaders called for similar action to protect their people. President Bush said this would be achieved by a UN buffer zone in southern Iraq, but many Shias believe the 1,400 lightly armed UN peacekeepers will not be able to guarantee their safety.

Sadoun Hammadi, Iraq's prime minister, emphasised that Iraq was willing to cooperate with Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, a veteran UN official in overall charge of the organisation's relief efforts in Iraq and Kuwait, and Eric Suy, a Belgian envoy in Iraq for the UN.

Baghdad also insists that 90,000 Kurds have gone back to their homes since President Saddam Hussein first offered them amnesty more than a week ago, and they were receiving plenty of food and medical supplies. Refusing to accept any blame for the refugees' plight, Iraq insists it is the result of a sinister American-led plot fomented by Iran, Turkey and Syria, to carve up Iraq.

FRANCE

UN chief says Iraq should be consulted

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AS FRANCE prepared to dispatch some 180 troops to aid the setting-up of Kurdish refugee camps within Iraq, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, emerged from a meeting with President Mitterrand here yesterday to argue that Iraq had the right to be consulted.

After an hour of talks in the Elysée palace, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar told journalists that the UN wished to make contact with the Iraqi authorities "to discover what their reaction would be to the presence of military forces of these three countries on their territory".

If the intention is to cloak this presence with the authority of the UN, he pointed out, then the security council would have to give its consent. "On the other hand, if the countries involved are not intending to operate under the flag of the UN, that would be an entirely different matter."

For Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, the presence of French, British and American troops within Iraq is an extremely sensitive issue. "I have been studying this situation with great attention on how to respect the sovereignty of Iraq," he pointed out. "We hope that the Iraqis will understand that the objective of this exercise is purely humanitarian."

Bernard Kouchner, the French minister for humanitarian affairs, announced in Paris that it was intended that the Franco-British-American plan should be "developed" with the aid of the UN. "Naturally something like this would be done within the UN system," he added.

Clean sweep: a Kurdish mother gathers her son after bath time in a camp at Silopi

IRAN

Role of West poses dilemma for Rafsanjani

From EDWARD GORMAN IN TEHRAN

THE decision to go ahead with plans for safe areas in northern Iraq has left the Iranian government out in the cold. Tehran is coping with the largest number of Kurdish refugees and, according to Western diplomats, seems in a dilemma about how to respond.

"They haven't made up their minds what they want," commented one senior Western envoy, who said Tehran has been wrongfooted since the concept of a safe haven or enclave was first mooted. "They have a real dilemma, which they haven't resolved, which has important political and humanitarian dimensions," he added.

Throughout the Gulf confrontation, President Rafsanjani's approach has combined conflicting impulses. Like the United States, Iran does not want to see Iraq break up, and, like America, it wants President Saddam Hussein pushed out of power.

But despite denouncing the invasion and annexation of Kuwait, it has also attacked American and allied military involvement in the region and called for a withdrawal. Recently it has blamed America for encouraging the Kurds in their uprising, and for ignoring the plight of refugees on the Iran-Iraq border.

Tehran has been shut out of the president's plan because it is largely a response to Turkey's needs and because of the continuing deep fracture in American-Iranian relations. It can be expected to criticise the proposals because they involve further deployments of allied troops and will fuel fears here that the Americans are not sincere in their undertakings to withdraw from the region.

The Iranian government is understandably nervous of any solution to the Kurdish problem which helps to formalise Kurdish aspirations to a separate or autonomous state, and the implications that may have for millions of Kurds living on the Iranian side of the border.

However, President Rafsanjani has made it clear he wishes to see the eventual repatriation of refugees from Iran. Some observers believe he may choose publicly to distance himself from the American plan, while allowing or encouraging as many refugees to return home under its auspices as wish to do so. This will require careful presentation by the president, who cannot afford to be seen by his people to be participating in, or endorsing, an American-brokered solution.

Germany raises aid offer

Bonn — The plight of the Kurds has aroused more German anger against President Saddam Hussein than the invasion of Kuwait (Ian Murray writes). In a Bundestag debate yesterday, speakers of all parties spoke out vehemently against the Iraqi leader.

The government yesterday agreed to make DM250 million (£84 million) available for humanitarian aid to the Kurdish refugees, a significant increase. The money is in addition to Bonn's contribution of DM60 million to the aid package put together by the European Community and the DM100 million being spent on transport.

Germany also offered to fly seriously injured refugees to Germany for treatment.

Newsman killed

Amman — A Romanian-German photographer covering the Kurdish rebellion for *Newsweek* was reportedly shot dead by Iraqi soldiers in northern Iraq on March 29. Frank Smyth, an American freelancer who saw the incident, described the killing of Gad Gross as a "spontaneous execution". *(AP)*

Hunger strike

Strasbourg — About 200 Kurdish sympathisers, some waving banners reading "Democracy for Kuwait, genocide for Kurdistan", demonstrated outside the European parliament yesterday. Twenty-five demonstrators were on the third day of a hunger strike. *(Reuter)*

NORTHERN IRAQ

Saddam's promises fail to fill the wasteland

From ADAM KELLIHER IN ZAKHO

THE welcoming committee of soldiers and Baathist party members sat at the edge of town, wondering if their Kurdish subjects would listen to their promises and come home.

The Iraqi government wants its Kurds back, but President Saddam Hussein's promise that all is forgiven has been mostly ignored. On a wobbly table at an intersection on the outskirts of Zakho, just ten miles from Turkey, sits the reason for Kurdish doubt. It is an A4-size book in which each returnee must register their name before being transported further *south in* buses and lorries.

Despite assurances of an amnesty, and a UN plan to send observers, people who register could be made accountable, something that those huddled in Turkey and Iran must desperately wish to avoid.

The government says nearly 88,000 have returned in the past week, but most have come from the Iraqi mountains, with few from across the frontier. A group of 65 Kurds was brought to the Zakho registering point on Tuesday. There were no young men: they were grimy and dishevelled women, children and the elderly, their lethargy only disappearing in a scramble for a handout of milk powder.

The group described terrible conditions in the mountains, and said Iraqi authorities had treated them well upon return. "This is the welcoming committee," beamed Hakmid Casar Ahmad, Zabko's Baathist party representative, dressed in military fatigues and caramel-coloured slip-on shoes. "They are not asked any questions. There is no interrogation. We only ask them how they managed to get out of the hands of the rebels." The government claims the population were duped into fleeing by lurid tales of Iranian-backed rebels that all who remained would be killed.

Giving notice: a tearful refugee child in Safwan sends his plaintive message to the West

Now, Iraqi officials say, the refugees cannot return because rebels are stopping them as part of an allied plan to use the issue to destabilise Iraq. First Lieutenant Nadim Mustafa Majid, in charge of registering returnees, said: "We are not satisfied with the numbers coming back but what can we do? We cannot attack (the rebels) because the people will be killed."

More than rumour, memories of government brutality during past Kurdish uprisings inspired the exodus. In Dahuk, only 10 per cent of the 400,000 residents remain. An elderly cripple, a grizzled beggar and a small cluster of youths were the only inhabitants of the shuttered main street. "The whole city has gone, people were afraid of the government," said one young man. The only activity was from soldiers patrolling the empty streets or manning their armour, imposing security in a land without people.

Above the mountains flew three US Air Force C130 transport planes on a mission to drop relief supplies, some of which has ended up sustaining the Iraqi army. "It is very good," said one private, finishing off an American ready-to-eat meal of beef slices and barbeque sauce. "But I prefer the beef stew."

BRITAIN

Shield force ready to fly

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ARMY units, including 5 Airborne Brigade, Britain's only integrated force, were put on short notice yesterday in case they are needed to fly to northern Iraq to help set up safe havens for the 600,000 Kurdish refugees currently on the Turkish-Iraqi border.

The precautionary move was ordered, even though it was still uncertain last night which units would be actually deployed. The brigade, based at Aldershot, has 5,000 men available for deployment to emergency spots. Lightly armed and backed by their own logistical and engineer support units, they are regarded as ideal for the job of guarding the safe havens. The brigade includes the 2nd and 3rd Parachute Regiments.

More than 600 men of the 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, were also put on reduced notice yesterday. As the current "spearhead battalion", the special unit always on short notice, it could fly to Iraq within 24 hours.

Based in their home town of Chester, the troops could be airlifted to the region in RAF Hercules transport aircraft. The Cheshires have just returned from several weeks in Northern Ireland.

The Royal Marines put themselves on short notice, but officials denied they had been ordered to do so by the defence ministry. One official said they were more heavily equipped and would probably take longer to get to Iraq. 3 Commando Brigade, which consists of 40, 42 and 45 Commandos, has its own integral logistics regiment, workshop, medical and transport squadrons. The details of the British military involvement are unlikely to be announced for a day or so.

Yesterday the composition of the American, British and French force was discussed at a meeting of senior military officials in Stuttgart, at the US headquarters in Europe.

American, British and French helicopters meanwhile began reconnaissance missions into northern Iraq to pinpoint sites for safe areas. The likely location is in the plains, close to the Iraqi town of Zahko.

AMERICA

Bush faces 'new Vietnam' charges

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE establishment of refugee camps inside Iraq by American, British and French forces has laid President Bush open to domestic criticism that the commitment of troops to Iraqi soil could become the first step toward a prolonged military involvement overseas, similar to the American role in Vietnam.

The plan for the refugee camps, which resembled a British proposal for safe havens rejected by the United States earlier this month, marked a fundamental shift in American policy toward the refugees, even as President Bush insisted that the aid effort was not a build-up to a large-scale occupation of Iraqi territory.

He repeated his assertion that the United States "is not going to intervene militarily in Iraq's affairs and risk being drawn into a Vietnam-style quagmire", basing his judgment on a belief that forces loyal to President Saddam Hussein would not attack the camps of the troops sent to guard them. But his detractors, including right-wing commentators who supported the Gulf war and, to a markedly lesser degree, Democratic politicians in Congress, appeared likely to see the camps as a temporary solution only to the postwar mess inside Iraq.

Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat on the House foreign affairs committee, was among those who had pressed Mr Bush to stop the Iraqi leader from killing Kurdish rebels. In yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*, in an article written before Mr Bush's announcement, he said the European initiative for safe havens for the Kurds in northern Iraq was "at best a short-term solution to a longer-term problem".

Mr Solarz, who is among Mr Bush's closest Democratic allies on Capitol Hill, said the only way to end the slaughter and starving of the Kurds was a "political solution" involving the replacement of the Baathist government in Iraq with a United Nations-supervised interim government paving the way for democratic elections.

"This is not a call for unilateral American action. The crisis we confront is not just an American responsibilty. It is an international one." But the timing of the article was unlikely to please Mr Bush's advisers as they try to reassure the American public that troops will not become bogged down in Iraq's internal affairs. Mr Solarz said the United States had a "special obligation" to lead an international effort to remove Saddam from power, having incited the Kurds and Shias to overthrow him.

Officials of the Bush administration said the president's decision to set up refugee camps came in response to growing pressure, at home and from abroad, to help the Kurds, and amid concern that UN relief efforts were slow. Over the past couple of weeks, the White House had found it increasingly difficult to justify its policy of "no intervention" in the internal affairs of Iraq as the American media stepped up coverage of Kurds fleeing into the freezing mountains.

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Private treatment abroad for Britons

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A PRIVATE health insurance company is negotiating with 12 hospitals in France, Belgium and The Netherlands to provide treatment for British patients. Today, Western Provident Association (WPA), Britain's third largest private health insurance company, is meeting the French medical assistance company Mondial to help co-ordinate the deal in France.

The 12 hospitals will be added to the list of hospitals covered by WPA in all their policies. People wanting operations abroad will, provided they contact WPA in advance, also get a grant to cover their travel and accommodation costs for their husband or wife in a near by hotel.

The association, which has campaigned against exorbitant costs in the British private sector, has been attracted by the lower costs of hospitals on the Continent which it claims could keep down insurance premiums. A British patient was recently charged £700 for a cataract operation in a Boulogne hospital which would have cost £2,000 in a private hospital in Britain.

Julian Stainton, the company's managing director, said: "The cost of private treatment in the UK is artificially high because there is no market. The pensioner who went to Boulogne is the precursor of patient power."

Mr Stainton also announced that the company intends to launch a new policy to cover minor surgery carried out by GPs. It could cover such procedures as the removal of lumps and ingrowing toenails, biopsies and minor dermatology.

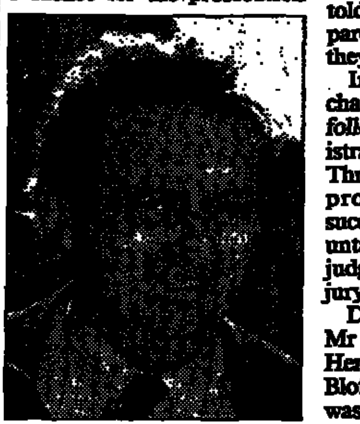
Judge acquits teacher of murdering his parents

By PAUL WILKINSON

AN UNEMPLOYED teacher accused of murdering his parents for their money was acquitted yesterday after a Home Office forensic scientist said he could not have committed the crime.

Jeffery Dunkley was accused of killing his mother Miriam, aged 59, and his father Fred, aged 63, by battering them with a hammer and dumping their bodies in their garage before setting it ablaze. But yesterday at the Central Criminal Court, Dr Clive Candy, an expert in fire investigation, said Mr Dunkley would not have time to carry out the acts at the house in Wembley, north London, before he visited his mother-in-law 15 minutes drive away.

She timed his arrival as 5.45pm, right in the middle of her favourite soap, *Neighbours*, but the scientist, giving evidence for the prosecution on the third day of the trial, said it was impossible for the fire to have been started before 5.50pm. David Paget, for the prosecution, then said that he would not offer further evidence and the jury was directed by Mr Justice Blofeld to return not-guilty verdicts.



Dunkley: could not have committed murders

Outside court detectives said they had no plans to reopen the case. The prosecution had contended that Mr Dunkley, aged 36, carried out the killings in the 25 minutes between his parents coming home at 5.20 and his arrival at his in-laws. His alleged motive was preventing them leaving their £250,000 estate to his eight-year-old son instead of him.

Initially detectives investigating the deaths on January 23, 1989 were baffled as to motive. Nothing was stolen from their home. Police attention eventually focused on the son, who earlier had told police he had called at his parents' home the evening they died, but got no reply.

In March last year he was charged with murder, but the following month Brent magistrates dismissed the case. Three months later the prosecuting authorities successfully sought a voluntary bill from a High Court judge to send the case direct to jury trial.

Directing the jury to acquit Mr Dunkley, of Watford, Hertfordshire, Mr Justice Blofeld said the only evidence was circumstantial and the timing did not support the Crown's case.

TED BATH

Tie a yellow ribbon: John Waite, brother of Terry, and Jill Morrell, friend of John McCarthy, campaign for the hostages

Optimism over McCarthy release

By LOUISE HIDALGO

OPTIMISM marked the start of the British journalist John McCarthy's sixth year as a hostage in Lebanon yesterday. His father, Pat, said he was confident that there would not be another anniversary of his son's captivity. "We will see him home in the next month or two," he said at his home in Essex. A service for his son was held at the local church last night.

The Friends of John McCarthy group and Mr Roger Cooper, released two weeks ago after more than five years in a Tehran prison on spying charges, welcomed the visit to Tehran this weekend by Lynda Chalker, foreign office minister. They said it was an opportunity to press for the release of the three British hostages — Mr McCarthy, Terry Waite and Jackie Mann — held in the Lebanon. Mrs Chalker is the first British minister to visit Tehran since 1978. Britain and Iran severed diplomatic links in 1980 and they have not been fully restored.

Diplomatic relations were essential, Mr Cooper told a press conference. "The hostage situation can only be solved if one side has someone to talk with." Jill Morrell, who has led the campaign to secure Mr McCarthy's release, urged the government "to act and act soon". Mrs Chalker meets Iran's foreign minister, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, on Saturday to discuss aid for Kurdish refugees. The Foreign Office, which yesterday appealed to the Iranian government to use its influence to secure the hostages' release, said Mrs Chalker would discuss the hostages.

A vigil for Mr McCarthy was held last night at St Bride's church, Fleet Street. Thousands of yellow ribbons adorned trees, taxis and buildings as part of Yellow Ribbon Day, launched to raise awareness of the hostages' plight.

Hail mars play at Lord's

AN UMPIRE at the MCC vs Middlesex cricket match at Lord's donned gloves and scarves yesterday to protect himself from biting winds as the April weather turned again. Spectators accustomed to the odd April shower had to suffer hail as the match started (Alice Thomson writes).

Winds reached 35 knots and the temperature in London dropped to 5deg F. The London Weather Centre forecast strong breezes and rain today, freezing temperatures at night and ground frost over the weekend. A spokesman said that by Friday it would be cold and windy with wintry showers.

Roads pledge

A Labour government will impose a moratorium on most construction schemes in the government's £17 billion national roads programme, John Prescott, Opposition transport spokesman, said yesterday.

£775,000 award

Madeleine Holbrook, aged five, of Pulborough, West Sussex, who has cerebral palsy after brain damage at birth, was awarded £775,000 yesterday. West Lambeth health authority accepted liability.

Marquess ban

The Marquess of Blandford, aged 35, was yesterday banned for four months and fined £150 for driving at 95mph on the M40. The ban, imposed by East Oxfordshire magistrates, was his third in a year.

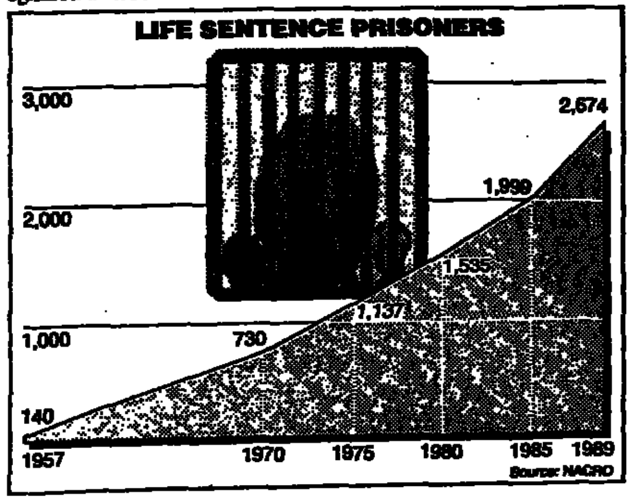
Mandatory life sentences

When some murders are more foul than others

A life sentence can mean freedom after as few as five years. **Quentin Cowdry** reports

THE mandatory "life" sentence for murder, the future of which is to be debated by the House of Lords today, has always been something of a misnomer. While criminals convicted of murdering police officers or of terrorist offences can expect to serve at least 20 years, many lifers are released after spending five or six years in jail. On average, lifers are imprisoned for 12 years.

The reason is that judges, ministers and parole officials have always, in practice, recognised that some murders are more reprehensible than others. While everyone convicted of murder receives the automatic life sentence, the term served depends on various factors, including the circumstances of the murder and the risk that is perceived of the criminal reoffending.



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The number of lifers in England and Wales has risen sharply since the late Fifties and sentencers have become more censorious about such offences. In 1957 there were 730 jailed lifers, or 2 per cent of the prison population, but in 1989 there were 2,674, representing 7 per cent.

Under the present system, trial judges, either openly in court or in a private memorandum, recommend the minimum terms they think should be served. The home secretary, or more often one of his ministers, may then shorten or lengthen the periods. Ministers are reluctant to disclose how they use that discretion, but it is believed they extend the terms more often than they reduce them.

After the term is finished, the prisoner may be given parole or released on "life licence", the final decision for which rests with the home secretary. Lifers remain on licence until they die and can be recalled to jail by the Home Office at any time. In practice, this seldom happens as most do not reoffend.

Let us switch to hard track and keep awesome penalty

Lord Windlesham, a leading advocate of abolition of the mandatory life sentence, argues his case

THERE are few subjects more emotive than murder and the penalty for murder, yet there are few places more given to calm deliberation than the Upper House of Parliament. The two meet today when the House of Lords debates an amendment to the criminal justice bill on the sentence for murder.

The law on homicide, including the all-important distinction between murder and manslaughter, has long been recognised as unsatisfactory. Stronger criticism still attaches to the way sentences of life imprisonment, mandatory for murder and discretionary for manslaughter and other grave crimes, are administered by the Home Office without any element of judicial control.

In 1987, on the third reading of the previous criminal justice bill, I suggested a select committee so that the review could be carried out on an all-party basis. The committee sat for the best part of a year, taking evidence from 81 witnesses, varying from the Lord Chief Justice to the families of murder victims, and recommended the retention of life imprisonment for the most serious cases, or where a degree of uncertainty existed about the risk of releasing a prisoner at the end of a determinate sentence.

In opposing the amendment that no court shall be required to sentence a person convicted of murder to imprisonment for life, ministers have fallen back on such well-worn generalisation as murder is the most heinous of all crimes, and that when the death penalty was suspended in 1965, and abolished in 1969, a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment was substituted to mark the unique wickedness of the crime.

It is a misleading caricature to claim that all murders are uniquely heinous. They cover a vast range of culpability that defies categorisation. The result of the present arrangements is that the average period fo time served by life sentence prisoners is greatly reduced by the preponderance of domestic cases. After the introduction of discretionary life sentences, there can be no doubt that the average would increase substantially. No longer would currency be given to the public house taunt that life "only" means nine or ten years in prison. The life sentence, with its concomitant liability to recall to custody when the risk of future serious offending justifies it, would be restored to what it should be: the more severe and awesome penalty permitted by law.

It is easier of course to make the case in a non-elected chamber, than in the more turbulent politics of the Commons or the party conferences. But enduring and worthwhile reforms are not won without tenacity and persuasion. There are now sufficient grounds for the government to switch the proposal to change the sentence for murder from the soft to the hard track.

Lord Windlesham is principal of Brasenose College, Oxford. He was chairman of the Parole Board 1982-8

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Marriage rate falls but number of divorces stabilises

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FEWER single people are getting married and those who have tried it once are increasingly reluctant to repeat the experience, according to the latest official statistics. As four in ten marriages, 37 per cent, now end in divorce, couples are instead opting to live with each other without going through the marriage ceremony.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys reports that marriage rates fell from 56 to 45 per thousand unmarried men and from 45 to 38 per thousand unmarried women between 1981 and 1989. Although the number of marriages has changed little since 1981 the number of men and women eligible to marry has increased considerably.

The remarriage rate for divorced men and women has fallen even more dramatically during the same period, from 130 to 77 per thousand divorced men and from 91 to 60 per thousand divorced women. In spite of that trend, one in six marriages is between couples where one partner has been divorced and one in 12 is between two divorcees. In 1989 there were 347,000 marriages in England and Wales, 2,000 fewer than the previous year. Divorce rates have stayed fairly constant with 151,000 divorces in 1989, 1 per cent fewer than in 1988, but up on 1987.

The report also shows that couples are waiting until they are older before committing themselves to marriage. The median age of grooms is now at 27.7 years, while for brides it is 25.6 years. Couples are most at risk of a marital break-up during their mid to late 20s. Thirty-one in every thousand husbands in this age group divorced, against 29 in every thousand wives.

The report shows that three-quarters of couples who divorced in 1989 had married as a bachelor and spinster. In a further 16 per cent, one partner was divorcing again and in 8 per cent both partners were divorcing again.

The report predicts that one in four children would experience divorce in their family before reaching 16. However, the actual numbers involved fell by 1 per cent between 1988 and 1989 to 148,000 children under 16.

Fifty-four per cent of divorces granted to wives were awarded on husbands' unreasonable behaviour and about one-quarter on husbands' adultery. In one in six cases (17 per cent) the divorce was awarded after two years' separation.

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1979	368,853	138,706
1980	370,022	148,301
1981	351,973	145,713
1982	342,166	146,698
1983	344,334	147,479
1984	349,186	144,501
1985	346,389	160,300
1986	347,924	153,903
1987	351,761	151,007
1988	348,492	152,633
1989	346,697	150,872

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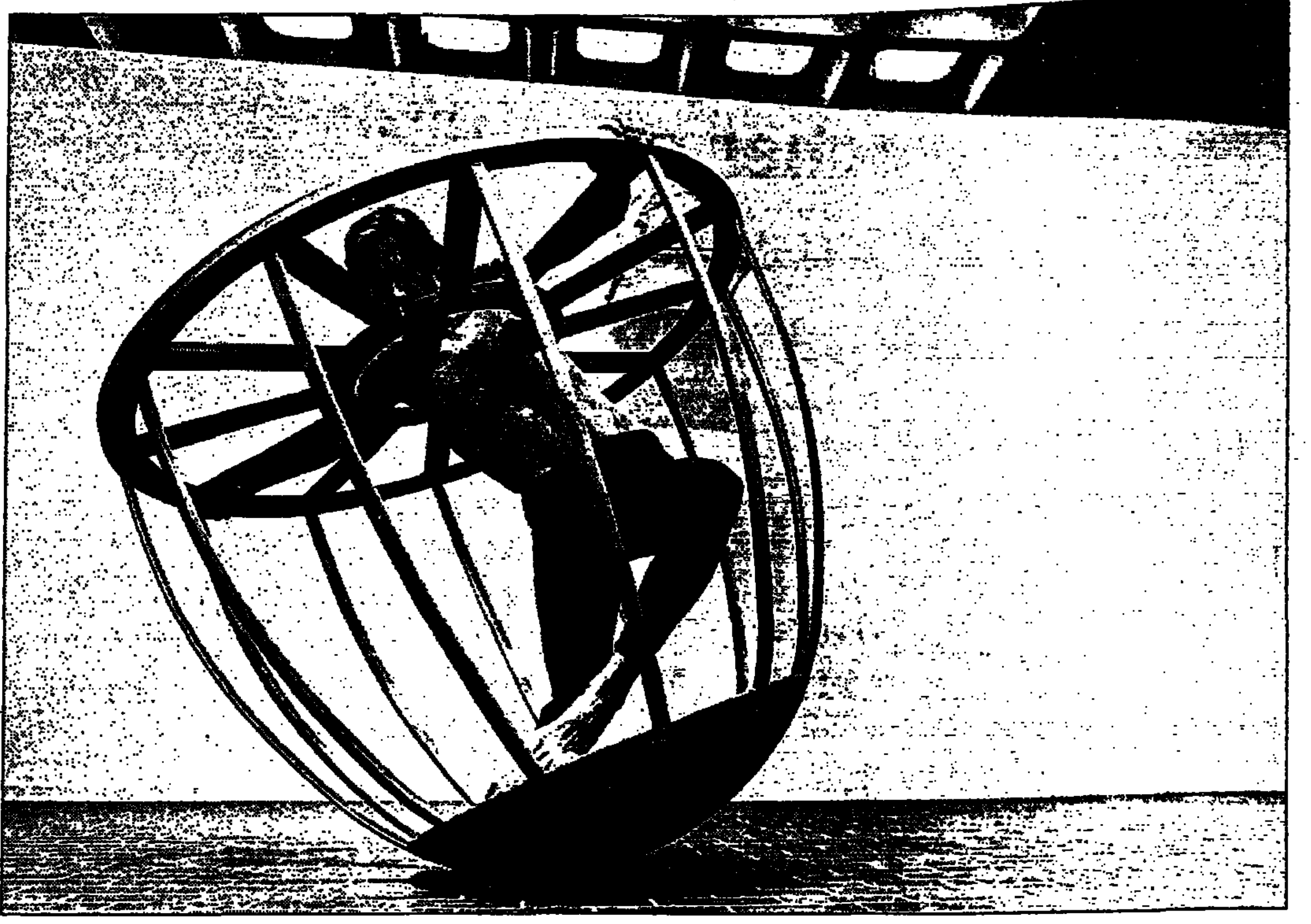

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Museums policy

Funding cuts take toll on local success

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MUSEUMS financed by local authorities are the accidental victims of government policies, according to a report by the Museums and Galleries Commission.

The report says that the community charge and the education reform act, which has cut school visits to museums and damaged museum education services, have taken their toll on otherwise successful local museums. John Last, the commission member and chairman of the working party, said: "Central government needs to be more aware of the far-reaching effect of its policy changes, and local authorities should have properly considered policies towards the museums in their care. There should be more realistic levels of funding to enable museums to better fend for themselves.

"Local authority-funded museums have a fight on their hands. Many of them crouch like gothic beasts in our town centres intimidating all who dare to enter. They are often fighting the nature of their architecture, poor funding, lack of local awareness and cumbersome management structure, and yet the services they offer their communities, particularly in terms of education, are often superb."

The report calls for doubled funding for area museums, councils to help local museums, a central government capital buildings scheme for local museums in line with that for national institutions, marketing officers for museums, funding for specialist education staff, and training in fiscal and accounting skills for curators and managers.

Meanwhile a report from the Policy Studies Institute shows that attendances for local authority and independent museums increased by a third between 1979 and 1989 while local authority revenue expenditure fell by 3 per cent in 1988-9. "While the museums are growing more popular their funding is getting less and less," the report said.

Local Authorities and Museums. (Stationery Office; £11.50)
Cultural Trends. (Policy Studies Institute; £9.95)

Top job for Greene's nephew

THE prime minister has announced that Graham Greene, nephew of the late novelist and son of Sir Hugh Greene, is to be the new chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission (Simon Tait writes). Mr Greene, a former publisher, is now a literary agent.

The choice came as a surprise to the museum world and to the man who used to have to be known as Graham C. Greene to distinguish him from his uncle. "I received a letter from Downing Street about two weeks ago. Why I don't know, but I do know that I wasn't 150th on a list," he said. He succeeds Lord Morris, who retired from the unpaid job last December.

Mr Greene is a trustee of the British Museum. He has been chairman of, in turn, Chatto, the Bodley Head and Jonathan Cape up to last year when he retired after the takeover by Random Books. He was made a CBE in 1986, and the French government made him a *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Art et Lettres* in 1985.

The Museums and Galleries Commission has a staff of 40 and a budget of £11.5 million. Mr Greene said: "The most urgent problem has got to be funding, but there are a lot of areas for exploration. I think it is extraordinary that there is not television coverage of museums."

City fights to keep open the doors

BRISTOL has a wealth of museums. In its centre is the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, almost 170 years old and occupying a listed Edwardian building (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

There are eight branches, ranging from the Industrial museum to St Nicholas's, a former parish church whose collections trace the medieval development of the city.

Attendances have been steadily rising to a respectable 700,000 last year when the city museum had two very successful exhibitions, on Georges Braque and Great Sea Dragons, about locally discovered fossils. Admission to all the branches is free but the main museum's shop is a source of revenue, taking £156,000 last year.

All the museums are under some degree of threat with charge capping leading to a jobs freeze. The council has to cut £5 million from its budget and its museums are a discretionary area of funding.

Fred Pidgeon, vice-chairman of the leisure services committee, said: "The freeze affects the security warders and without them the museums can't open. St Nicholas's isn't open some days — and sometimes for weeks — because we can't find the staff, and there may have to be full-time closure."

Last year the city put £2.3 million into its museums, compared with £2 million the year before. Then, when the authority was charge-capped, £30,000 had to be lopped off and this year no allocation has so far been made while an appeal against a second year's capping is pending.

Mr Pidgeon said that keeping open the main museum was the priority "and we'll charge admission over my dead body".

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Government taking over measure for Cardiff Bay barrage

By JOHN WINDER AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE government is to take over legislation for the £77 million Cardiff Bay barrage project after a locally sponsored bill was disrupted by an all-night sitting in the Commons.

Delay all through Tuesday night was caused by long speeches by Labour opponents of the Cardiff Bay Barrage bill, which they opposed because of what they see as its detrimental effect on the environment.

It was not until after 13 hours of debate that John MacGregor, leader of the Commons, conceded to the bill's opponents and announced that the government would bring in a bill. He said that the private bill, sponsored by Cardiff Bay Development Corporation and Labour-controlled South Glamorgan county council, would have meant that the scheme could have been completed more quickly.

Mr MacGregor said that David Hunt, secretary for Wales, would consult on the contents of the government's legislation as soon as possible. Ministers hope to launch it this session.

Mr Hunt earlier accused the project's Labour critics of seeking to "sabotage a vital billion-pound investment aimed at regenerating the economy of Cardiff and South Wales".

He said later that Cardiff had a precious asset in its docklands and bay. The project was recognised as a unique opportunity to create a maritime city equal to any in the world.

The barrage has been hailed as the great chance to regenerate the city and to entice developers away from Bristol which has always attracted the cream of businesses in the South-West.

However, since the launch of the scheme in 1987 it has run into concerted opposition from anxious local residents and conservationists, and the regional Labour party has divided over the issue. Neil Kinnock, who represents a south Wales seat, has been a strong supporter while Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West and one of the party's front bench energy spokesmen, has campaigned tirelessly against the barrage.

The scheme is based on a simple idea. The ugly mudflats of the rundown bay would be covered by an attractive lake by building a barrage across the bay which is at the mouth of the Rivers Taff and Ely. That would liven up the area and provide impetus for the private sector to build houses and offices in a massive redevelopment.

However, environmentalists argue that, far from creating an attractive lake where people could windsurf and row boats, it would create a stagnant pool that would be so hazardous people would have to avoid the water. Mr Morgan said that the colour of the lake would turn from pea green to brown and would be blue only where there was blue algae. He added that it would also clog up the sewage from the Taff which was a polluted river anyway.

The barrage could also raise groundwater levels in southern Cardiff by one to two metres. The bay's developer, the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, has outlined an area in the city where houses could be affected and it has drawn up a compensation scheme which allows for free surveys of houses within the zone and liability for up to 20 years to pay for water proofing cellars and treating damp if a house has been affected.

However, the Commons committee considering the barrage bill concluded, after hearing evidence in Cardiff last year, that the development corporation would have to carry out more research into the dangers of rising groundwater. It also said that anyone in Cardiff should be entitled to compensation if they could prove that their house had been damaged.

MacGregor: conceded after 13 hours of debate

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Ditherer label must go

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

At this week's launch of Labour's latest chunk of manifesto by instalments there was a noticeable jauntiness about Neil Kinnock, an obvious readiness to take on all comers. So much so that he even revised the party's policy on unilateralism in a throwaway line. He is confident with reason.

Mr Kinnock has given back to his party the will to win and the belief that it can do so. He has proved the best party organiser ever to occupy his position, and he has demonstrated in the past three months new expertise in the art of opposition.

He held back patiently in the Gulf war. He played the patriotic card without sounding like Little Sir Echo. He did not alienate public sympathy by attacking John Major while the new prime minister enjoyed his honeymoon or panic while the Tory lead in the opinion polls rose. But since then Mr Kinnock and the Labour front bench, well orchestrated by the campaign coordinator, Jack Cunningham, have selected and exploited well the single most effective line of attack on the prime minister.

How were they to undermine Mr Major's record high standing in the opinion polls? What was certain was that anyone succeeding Margaret Thatcher with the intention of governing by genuine cabinet discussion was going to look less decisive than she was.

Any man elected because the country had tired of the previous leader needed to produce his own programme. But any successor to Mrs Thatcher was going to have to reckon with the irreconcilables and could not hope to move too quickly in doing so.

Kinnock: finding a new jauntiness

Equally certain was that poll tax revision had to take time. Having made such an almighty mess of local government taxation, the Tories could not afford to get it wrong again. Further, any prime minister and party heading towards the fourth anniversary of a government's election would be bound to start dickering about possible election dates. Thus, Major the ditherer was born, midwife N. Kinnock.

Never mind that Labour itself had taken months, if not years, to produce a poll tax alternative. The joy of accusing the government of dithering is that the label can be applied to any pause for consultation.

What is so remarkable, however, is the way in which a twitchy Tory party is helping Labour's campaign with bad tactics, bad planning and the wrong signals from the top. No party with anything resembling a communications strategy should have allowed the prime minister to submit himself to a *Walden* hectoring before there was something positive to say about the poll tax alternative. No cabinet with confidence in what it is doing should spend as much time as some ministers do in complaining to writers and editors about the media's coverage of their efforts. Hands up the cabinet minister who has not launched a scornful attack in a speech somewhere, sometime on Neil Kinnock's fitness for office. That is politics.

Colleagues concede that Mr Major's biggest weakness is his sensitivity to criticism, and even his MPs find it extraordinary that he should seek to keep in obscurity his lack of academic qualifications. If you have won your way through to Downing Street on merit, who cares whether it was with a single GCE in needlework?

The prime minister, however, is no more a ditherer than any other senior politician with the sense to peer over the top before jumping a hedge. But Tory responses to the charge that he is, have enabled Labour to make some mud stick. His international success on the Kurdish enclaves may give Mr Major the confidence to begin ignoring the critics rather than answering every wielder of a pinprick.

Perhaps the best way for him to lose the ditherer tag will be to announce *before* the local elections that there will be no June election. The bulk of his cabinet does not believe there should, or will, be one. But it will look dithery making an announcement only after a poor Tory showing on May 2. Why not make it decisively plain now that it will be October at the earliest?

Cash, not patients, 'at centre of NHS'

By JOHN WINDER AND PETER MULLIGAN

THE government was accused last night of changing the objective of the health service from meeting patient needs to balancing the books.

Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health, said at the start of an Opposition debate on the health service and community care that the whole point of markets was not to satisfy need but to achieve financial equilibrium. Some hospitals were seeking to do that by lowering the level of their activity.

He asked whether William Waldegrave, the health secretary, would agree to measure the success of those hospitals that had opted out by the simple test of whether they did more or less work for National Health Service patients. The theory had been that they would get better value for money because health authorities would shop for contracts while hospitals would try to get their business. Competition would drive down costs. "Life is more complicated. Hospitals have discovered that the quickest way to do that is to do less work for more money."

He said that Mr Waldegrave had just issued the latest figures for waiting lists of patients, at last September. They had reached a peak even before the effect of last winter, when hospital after hospital had been forced to close its doors to patients. "After years in which they have told us that they would improve, not the numbers waiting, but the numbers being treated, today's figures show a 3 per cent reduction in activity in patient levels."

Mr Cook predicted that they were about see an improvement in waiting lists, as they went the same way as unemployment statistics, not because more people would come off waiting lists, but because fewer people would get on them.

Ministers had "sold" the new system as a basis for widening patient choice, but would they guarantee that patients waiting for procedures on March 31 would get that procedure carried out and at the hospitals of their choice?

The old promise that money would follow the patient in the new scheme had now changed and that was no longer the buzz phrase. Now they were told that the new scheme made for tighter financial control.

There had never been a September under this government in which waiting lists had failed to be higher than in any September under Labour. Mr Cook pledged to put the National Health Service the top of the agenda at the general election.

However, Mr Waldegrave defended the government's reforms. He said the GP contracts had completed their first year and he hoped they could be further improved. Formidable improvements were already being seen in the development of a "patient-centred NHS".

Mr Waldegrave said that "significant, sustained reductions" were being made in the waiting lists. He added that the number of patients waiting more than a year for in-patient and day case treatment fell by 5,100 in the six months to last September. That was on top of a 7 per cent reduction in the year to March 1990. The Latest provisional figures indicated that the progress had gained momentum with a 12 per cent reduction expected in the five months to February this year.

Waldegrave: Doctor contracts will be improved

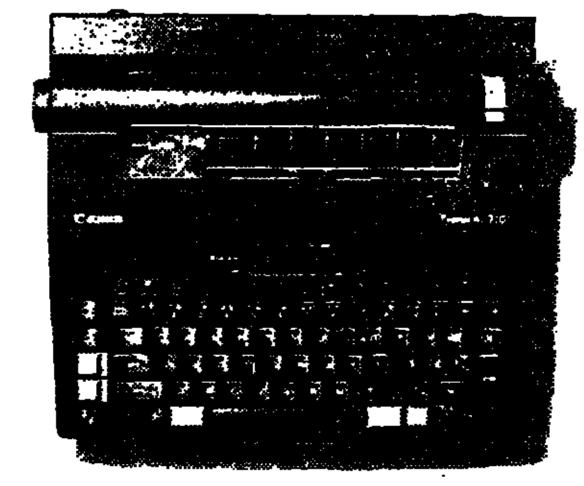
Water quality threat

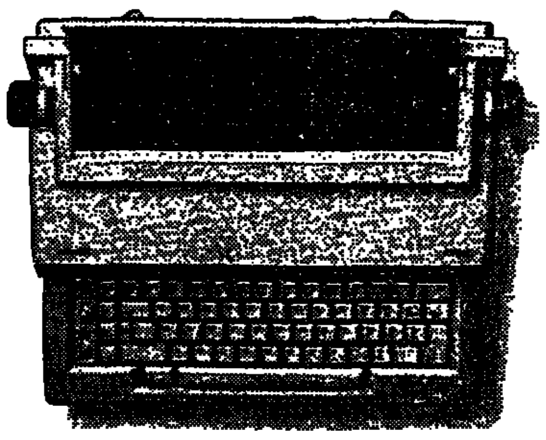
THE government was accused yesterday of allowing the newly privatised water companies to breach standards for drinking water.

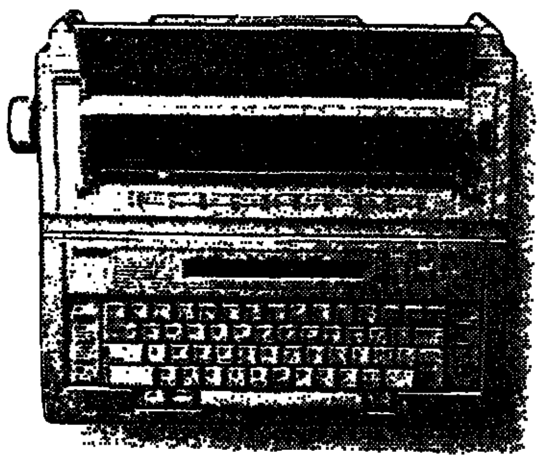
Ann Taylor, shadow minister for environmental protection, said that the companies had been given blanket relaxations of drinking water standards; that could pose a significant risk to health. It was known, she said, that the companies, had difficulties meeting standards, but the government had secretly given them a period of grace of five or ten years before improvements had to be carried out.

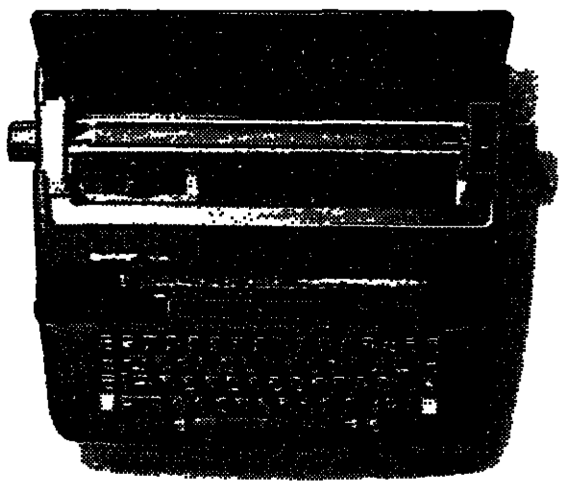
She is tabling a series of Commons questions and seeking confirmation that undertakings by the water companies to make improvements had been fulfilled.

The Water Services Association, which represents the ten water companies, said that all the drinking water they supplied was fit to drink.









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Labour bill puts local tax pressure on ministers

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party tried yesterday to maintain the pressure on the government over local taxation by publishing a bill that would allow a new property tax to be introduced from next April.

With his latest local elections ruse Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, invited the government to push the bill through quickly to ensure that this would be the last year of the community charge.

With the cabinet giving final approval today to a new property-based tax, the Opposition parties were determined to press their charges of indecision against the government to the last.

Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal Democrats' campaign manager, called a news conference at Westminster and pronounced morale in the Conservative campaign to be at a record low. "Their disillusionment is widespread and their candidates have been deserted on the doorstep by their own prime minister. If Tory literature is confused about their alternative to the poll tax, how can they expect the electorate to understand?"

The Liberal Democrats are fielding more than 6,000 candidates in the May 2 poll, Mr Kirkwood said. He said that their campaign was on course to achieve the targets they had set themselves. He accepts that the party may suffer net losses overall because it is starting from a high point, having made 477 gains in the equivalent elections in 1987, but he expects it to make further inroads into those councils where it already wields an influence.

Mr Kirkwood doubted whether the success of John Major's initiative on the Kurds would help the Tory campaign. Clearly talking up his opponents' chances, he predicted that Labour would make big gains, perhaps 500 to 600 seats, and said that they would be in severe trouble if they did not.

"There is evidence that the Labour party is holding up. They would have to hold up to have any prospect of winning the next election." Mr Kirkwood added: "On every doorstep our candidates are getting the same message. People do not like the way the Tories and Labour have turned this into a dry run for the general election."

Meanwhile, Mr Gould said that his poll tax abolition bill was what the government should be publishing rather than its consultation document on local government finance. "This rigorously drafted measure would ensure that this is the last year of the poll tax. It would make next year the first year of a new property tax — fair rates — the first year of all the savings that we identified last week. For whatever announcement the government makes tomorrow it is now clear that the poll tax unreformed will exist this year, next year and the year after that. That means three years of continuing chaos."

Labour's bill abolishes the poll tax in its first part, replaces it with the party's fair rates scheme in the second and replaces the standard spending assessments system in the third.

Labour also moved to trump the government's expected discounts for people living alone by making plain that its fair rates plan provides for rebates of up to 100 per cent for pensioners living alone.

The shadow local government minister, David Blunkett, said: "Will the secretary of state accept our offer of enacting this legislation on an emergency basis?"

Stricter river rules demanded

Tougher safety rules for river boats were called for yesterday by John Bowis, Tory MP for Battersea, to coincide with the summer rush of tourists viewing London from the Thames.

Recalling the sinking of the Marchioness with the loss of 51 lives, he called for miminim standards of visibility from the bridge of a boat and the fitting of devices to limit noise from discotheques.

His proposals were included in his River Safety bill, which, with cross-party support, was given a *formal first reading.*

Crime appeal to businesses

With crime costing businesses up to £10 billion a year, Kenneth Baker, home secretary (above), urged companies to make crime prevention a permanent issue.

Speaking to retailers in London during crime prevention week, he said that, despite losses from crime, research showed that few companies had crime prevention policies.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. Debate on agriculture.
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Anti-Nazi measure faces new attack

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL peers plan to mount a summer campaign to mutilate the government's bill to enable Nazi war crimes trials to be held in Britain.

Although an important group of peers intends to vote against the war crimes bill at second reading on April 30, most of the bill's opponents have switched their tactics to try to block the legislation by tabling pages of amendments for debate during May and June.

In the most stark division between the two Houses, the Lords killed off the government's original bill last summer in a free vote by 207 votes to 74. The government reintroduced the measure this session, winning Commons approval last month by 254 votes to 88.

Ministers have made clear that, if the Lords continue to block the measure, they will use the Parliament acts to overrule the upper House and get it on the statute book. However, they admit that no more than a handful of former Nazis who sought refuge in Britain after the Second World War are expected to be charged.

The veteran Labour peer Lord Houghton of Sowerby has tabled a motion for second reading which, if passed, would effectively stop the bill's passage in the Lords by delaying second reading for six months.

However, support is growing for Lord Campbell of Alloway's motion attempting to widen the scope of the legislation to cover Japanese and Iraqi war criminals who fled to Britain. The Conservative QC, who was a prisoner in Colditz Castle, led the revolt against the original bill with support from other legal heavyweights, including the former Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, and Lord Shawcross, the former Attorney-general who took part in war crimes trials at Nuremberg.

Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords, will present the government's case for the bill at second reading by emphasising the evidence against former Nazis uncovered by the Hetherington/Chalmers enquiry. Although peers will again have a free vote, ministers have been asked to turn out to support it this time; more than half of them abstained last year.

Countdown to May 2 elections: a family divided

Pit strike rift resurfaces for father and son

By CRAIG SETON

MEMORIES of the 12-month pit strike six years ago still run deep in Nottinghamshire, where most miners defied pickets of the National Union of Mineworkers to continue working and where communities and families were divided by the bitter dispute.

As the local election campaign gets under way, some divisions are resurfacing, not least in the mining town of Mansfield. There Brian Marshall and his son Les, miners on opposite sides during the strike, are contesting the same ward for a seat on the district council, one as a Conservative and the other for Labour.

Both were Labour councillors for the Forest Town ward until, after the strike, Mr Marshall senior was deselected after 14 years on the council. He joined the Conservatives and is one of three Tories in the ward in a straight fight against Labour opponents, including his son, a councillor for eight years. During the 1984-85 pit dispute Mr Marshall senior was NUM branch secretary at Clipstone colliery, near Mansfield, where he and his son worked underground. He worked during the dispute while Les was an NUM picket trying to persuade his father and others to strike.

The older man left the NUM in disgust to join the moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM), formed by working miners concerned about the NUM's militant picketing. The UDM represents most of the 14,000 miners in the coalfield, but says it remains unrecognised by Labour because of the party's traditional links with the older union.

When the pit strike ended, Mr Marshall senior became the new union's branch president at the colliery and two years later was deselected as a Labour councillor. He said the local party was dominated by former NUM strikers and that they got rid of him because he had worked during the strike and because of his role in the UDM. After deselection, Mr Marshall, aged 53, helped to form a new political group in Nottinghamshire called the Moderate Labour Party and stood as its candidate in his old ward, but was beaten by Labour. The party foundered through lack of support.

He said that he had joined the Tories this year to oppose the leftwards drift of the controlling Labour group on Mansfield district council. "My son and I used to work in the same ward raising funds for the Labour party and helping the community," he said. Mr Marshall, now a contract miner, claimed that other Labour candidates had been deselected for their UDM involvement.

Les Marshall, aged 30, is now a pit deputy at Clipstone colliery, where most miners belong to the UDM. He and his father would not talk to each other for two years after the strike, but he said that they now got on as long as they did not discuss politics. He said his father had been deselected because the local Labour party wanted a change.

He did not expect his father to win a seat on the district council, on which the Labour group has a majority of more than 20 over the Tories.

Relative rivals: Les Marshall, left, a Labour councillor, is being challenged by his father Brian, a Tory candidate

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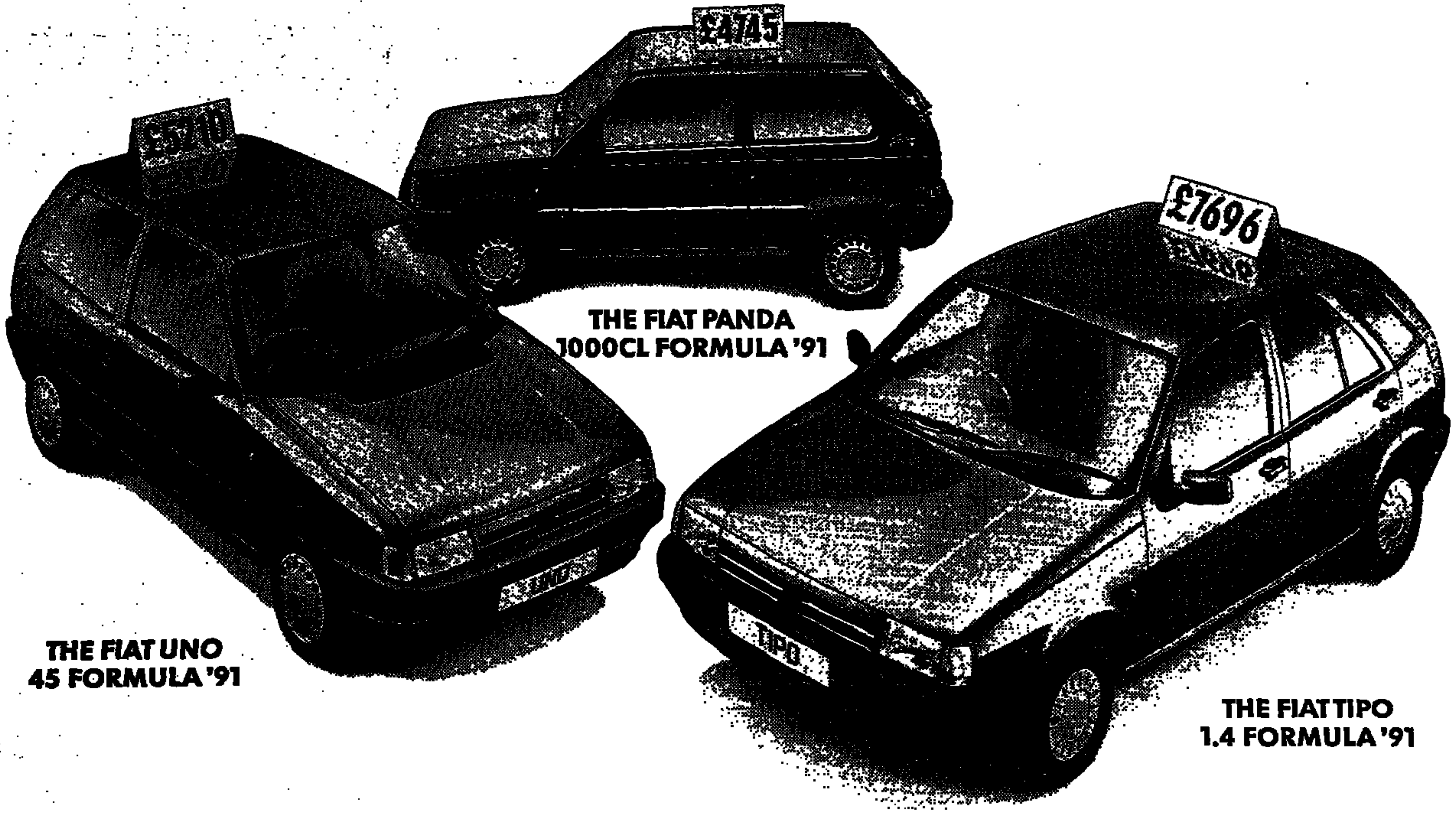
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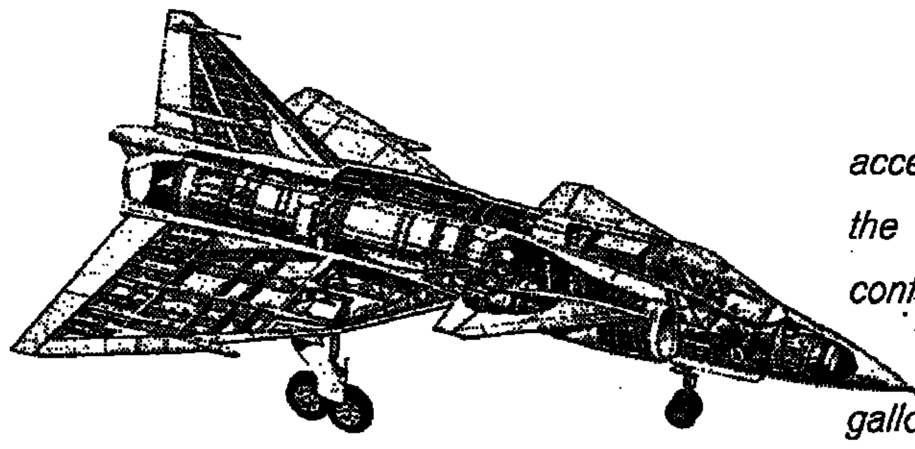

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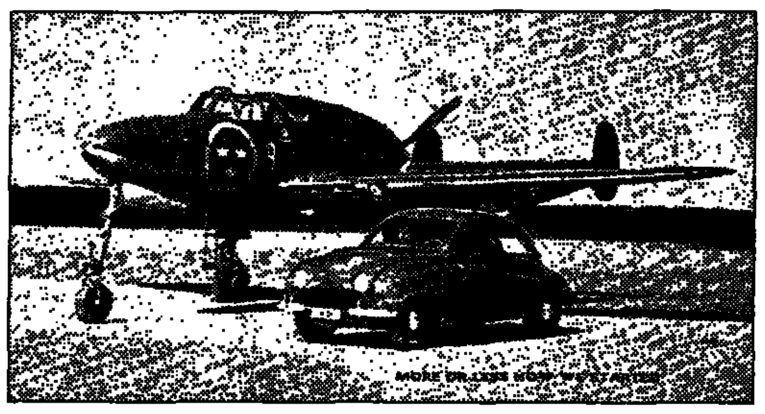

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This aircraft inspired, lateral approach to car design and construction resulted in many notable firsts for Saab. Heated seats, headlamp wash/wipe, turbo-charging and the proper use of aerodynamics.

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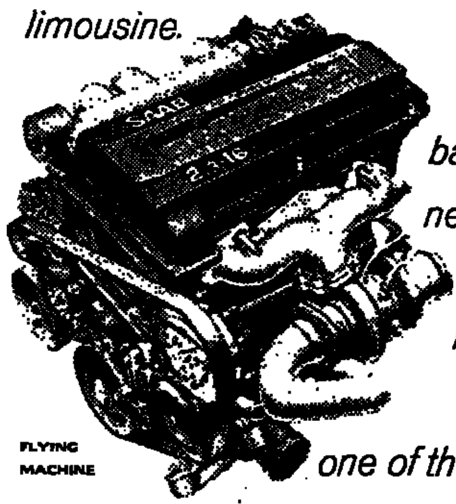

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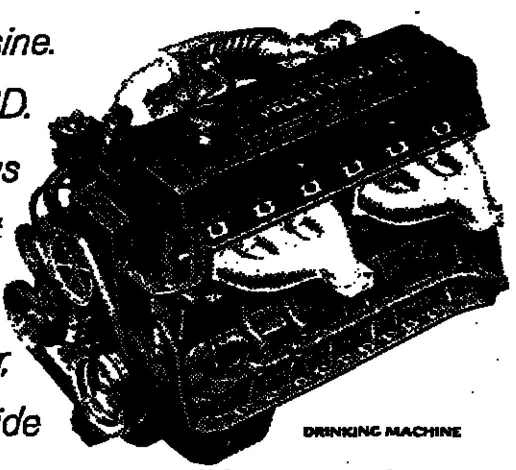

> Not only does it offer significantly more performance than its 10 six-cylinder rivals; it also offers better-than-class-average levels of smoothness, lugging power, refinement and, in normal circumstances, economy.
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(It's aircraft-inspired body shape makes this one of the most stable vehicles in crosswinds.)

However, most Saab owners like to pilot this craft themselves.

Crisp, sportslike handling, unrivalled acceleration and unimpeachable roadholding make the CD one of the most responsive cars of its kind.

Whilst a list of active and passive safety features, many of them unique to Saab, make it one of the most responsible of its kind.

As well as bags of features the CD comes with bags of space. (Its stable-mate the multi-role 9000, boasts an unmatched cargo carrying capacity of some 56.5 cubic feet.)

> **Sweden's preoccupation with car safety is now legendary and the latest models from Saab are no exception.**
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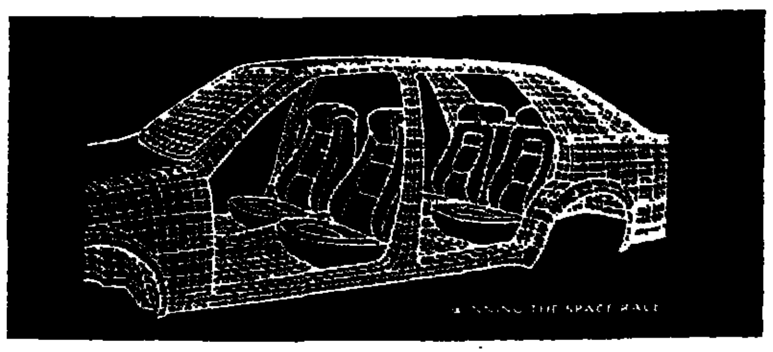
Once again, flying in the face of convention, aircraft-inspired construction make this 'Tardis-like' flying machine much bigger on the inside than anything else in its class.



(Lateral thinking and Saab's advanced Cray aeronautical computer placed the engine laterally across the chassis, allowing the forward bulkhead to be pushed forward, increasing both legroom, headroom and interior space.)

> **Internally, it is almost of limousine proportions, the corollary of a space-efficient front-drive powertrain and a longish wheel-base.**
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In conclusion, it would appear that Saab's aircraft-inspired design philosophy truly does give you more for less.

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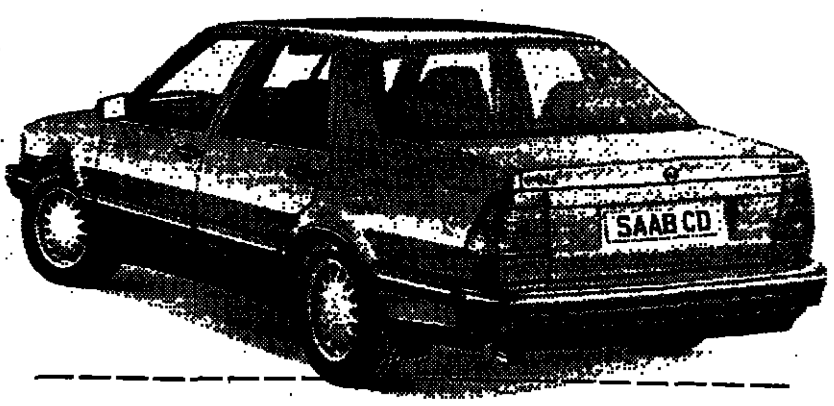

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Gamekeepers and farmers 'killing rare birds of prey'

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

HUNDREDS of rare birds of prey are being illegally poisoned, shot and trapped, according to a report published today. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), a co-author of the report, says many more deaths are unrecorded.

Many of the birds are in the "red data" list of 117 species that breed in Britain and are at risk. Some, such as golden eagles and peregrine falcons, are important because Britain is home to a significant percentage of the European population.

Illegal killing of birds of prey by gamekeepers and farmers is commonest where pheasant and sheep are reared and on upland grouse moors. The death toll is highest during the spring gamebird breeding and lambing season. Many birds are shot or trapped, while others are poisoned by pesticide-laced bait laid for foxes and crows.

The RSPB, which compiled the report with the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC), says that between 1979 and 1989, 814 birds of prey and owls were recorded as killed, including 40 golden eagles, 65 peregrine falcons, 57 hen harriers, 39 goshawks, 24 red kites and 367 buzzards. Other animals killed included 435 dogs, 276 cats and 32 badgers.

Richard Porter, the RSPB's head of species management, said: "The figures paint an appalling picture of indiscriminate destruction. Deliberate persecution has had a crippling effect on some of our rarest birds of prey." The number of reported bird deaths during 1979-89 was three times higher than in the previous decade, but the RSPB thinks the real death toll is much higher.

Red kites, once widespread, had almost disappeared by the start of this century. There are now some 60 breeding pairs confined to central Wales. Poisoning is thought to have prevented them spreading further. In 1989 and 1990 the RSPB and the NCC released 44 Continental red kites in Scotland and southern England. Three of the 44 have already been found poisoned.

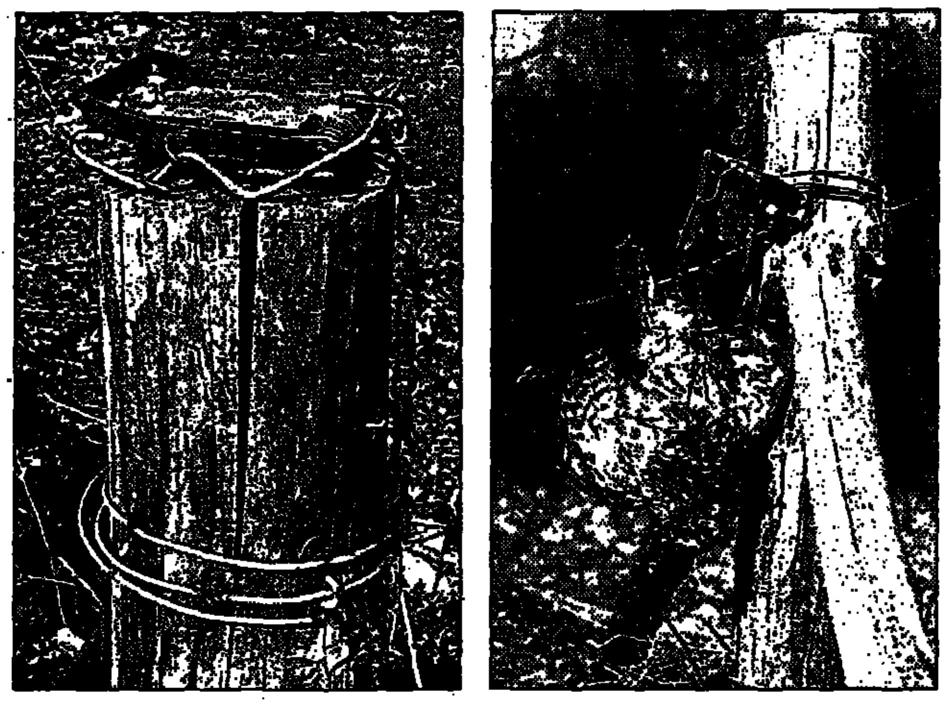
Indigenous white-tailed eagles were exterminated by 1916, chiefly because of the increase in sheep farming in Scotland. Between 1975 and 1984, the RSPB introduced 82 young birds from Norway. By 1990 there were estimated to be 11 breeding pairs, about eight per cent of the European Community total. Three illegal deaths were recorded in the past decade.

The hen harrier, of which there are only 630 breeding pairs in Britain, is the most ruthlessly persecuted bird of prey, the report says. Over the past decade, 57 were killed and 98 out of the 145 bird of prey nests reported destroyed belonged to the species. Seventy-one owls of all species were killed illegally during the past decade. A high percentage, mainly barn owls and tawny owls, were shot or caught in spring-traps mounted on fence posts on which the birds like to perch.

The agriculture ministry last month launched a campaign to reduce illegal killing of birds of prey. Amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, which are now going through Parliament with all-party support, would strengthen the legal accountability of landowners for the actions of gamekeepers, making them liable to criminal prosecution and a fine of up to £2,000 for every animal killed.

The RSPB says it would like to see stricter controls on use of pesticides and poisons. It calls on the government to promote training courses for gamekeepers on how to protect gamebirds and lambs against predators.

Death by Design: The Persecution of Birds of Prey and Owls in the UK 1979-89 (RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire. SG19 2DL; £5)



Death perch: pole traps, left, which catch birds by the legs, have been illegal since 1904. The tawny owl, right, was severly injured after being trapped as it tried to land

BIRDS OF PREY KILLED BY POISONING, SHOOTING OR TRAPPING IN THE UK 1979-89

SPECIES	BREEDING PAIRS (in 1990 unless stated)	NUMBER KILLED
Kestrel	30,000-80-000	68
Sparrowhawk	30,000	50
Buzzard	12,000-15,000	367
Peregrine	900 (1985)	65
Merlin	550-650 (1983-84)	4
Hen harrier	630	57
Hobby	500	9
Golden eagle	424 (1982)	40
Goshawk	200	39
Red kite	60	24
Marsh harrier	75 (breeding females)	7
Osprey	60	4
White-tailed eagle	4-11	3

North Sea deal over dismissal of strikers

By Kerry Gill

NORTH Sea oil and gas companies are expecting a summer of industrial peace after agreement was reached yesterday between unions and the Offshore Contractors' Council over the dismissal last year of workers who took part in unofficial strikes.

A panel of council representatives and union officials is to examine outstanding grievances of men dismissed and who want to return to work offshore. Those who were dismissed will have 14 days to lodge grievances after the first meeting of the panel.

The agreement excludes workers who have cases outstanding at industrial tribunals, have received redundancy payments or who have been re-engaged on contracts.

Last year's series of unofficial 24-hour strikes involved thousands of men employed by contractors on offshore work. The dispute was an attempt to improve working conditions and safety. Many workers were dismissed after holding sit-ins on platforms but a truce was called to let the official unions hold talks with the employers.

Professors defend training of teachers

By John O'Leary
Higher Education Correspondent

THE heads of university teacher training departments yesterday launched a counter-attack on critics who accuse them of frustrating the government's attempts to raise standards in schools.

At a press conference in London to announce increased demand for training places, the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers issued a statement saying that many of critics were ill-informed and politically motivated.

The professors emphasised that the content of their courses, including the balance between theory and practice, had to be approved by the education secretary. "The criticisms that too much time is spent on psychology and on sociology are patently false."

Professor Tony Becher, of Sussex university, said: "The Tory party is dominated by raving right-wing think tanks." Some publications that it had issued had contained falsehoods couched in terms calculated to attract publicity, he said.

Inner cities face growth in drug trade warfare

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN'S inner cities face a disturbing growth of gangland warfare between drug traffickers fighting to control street dealing, a national police drugs conference was told yesterday.

Brian Johnson, chief constable of Lancashire and vice-president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, told 140 senior detectives, customs investigators and drugs experts: "Disturbing trends are being identified of drug traffickers in major cities fighting each other for the control of what they see as their areas of operations." He did not identify the cities but there have been deaths and woundings in London and Manchester in the past two years attributed to drug dealing.

Mr Johnson said that drug abuse was being funded by an increasing number of burglaries and robberies and a significant percentage of serious crime. There was concern at the number of traffickers with criminal backgrounds emerging in the drug world.

Robert Simmonds, former commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a UN expert on drug problems, said that the war against drug abuse could not be won by enforcement alone. The debate about how to deal with demand had barely begun. Mr Simmonds, who spent three years investigating the Balkan trail, linking heroin production in southwest Asia to Europe, said that some eastern bloc countries which had been used as transit points were afraid of becoming markets themselves. That was particularly true of countries moving towards the creation of convertible currencies.

In a series of papers on the use of rewards and funding for drug investigations, David Polkinghorne, speaking on behalf of the Community Action Trust, said that commercial companies were providing £250,000 a year for rewards and that the police should make more use of the funds. Christine Heald, who administers a new government drugs fund, said that in its first year it had paid out £300,000 in rewards and to finance investigations.

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Robinson: "Report gives unrepresentative picture"

'Feminist' survey rejected

A LEADING women's organisation in the Roman Catholic church has accused a fellow body of spreading feminist propaganda in a report published this week (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The Association of Catholic Women is to formally dissociate itself from the report, which described widespread frustration and discrimination against women in the Catholic church.

Josephine Robinson, the association's chairman, said that the report by the National Board of Catholic Women was unrepresentative.

Do Not Be Afraid (Redemptorist Publications, Alphonsus House, Wolf Lane, Chawton, Alton, Hants GU34 3HQ; £2.50)

Pubs 'not places for a good meal'

FOR all its virtues, the British pub is still not the place to go for a good, reasonably-priced meal, according to a new Consumers' Association guide today to eating out on a budget.

Many pubs were "smokey and boozy", reeked of stale cooking oil and had no food on offer by mid-afternoon. Pub meals tasted the same all over the country, and menus were often a standard list of "the contents of some food manufacturers' deep frozen list", says *Out to Eat*, a guide to the best bistros, tea shops, sandwich bars, pizzerias, curry houses, fish and chip shops and pubs.

"Pubs are the most underrated, under-used catering outlet in Britain," the report said. The association found only a few hundred out of 40,000 pubs nationwide worthy of a mention. It was often impossible to get an afternoon snack in pubs at tourist spots. Tiny tea-rooms were frequently packed while the nearby pub was closed.

Out To Eat (Consumers' Association and Hodder and Stoughton. £9.95)

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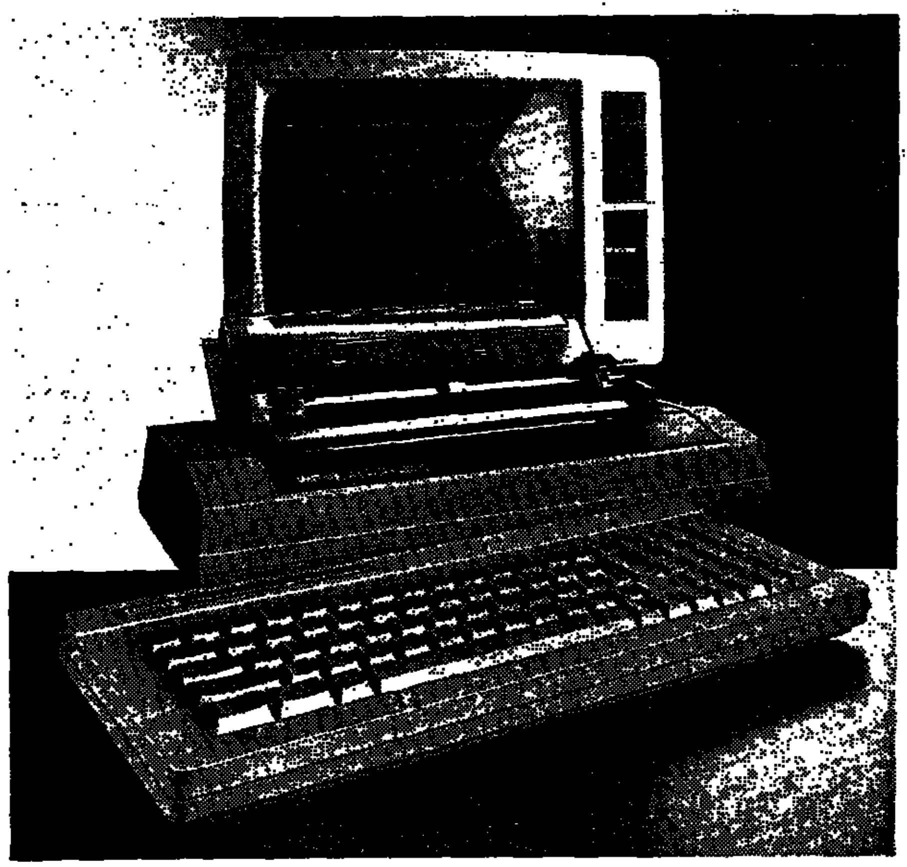

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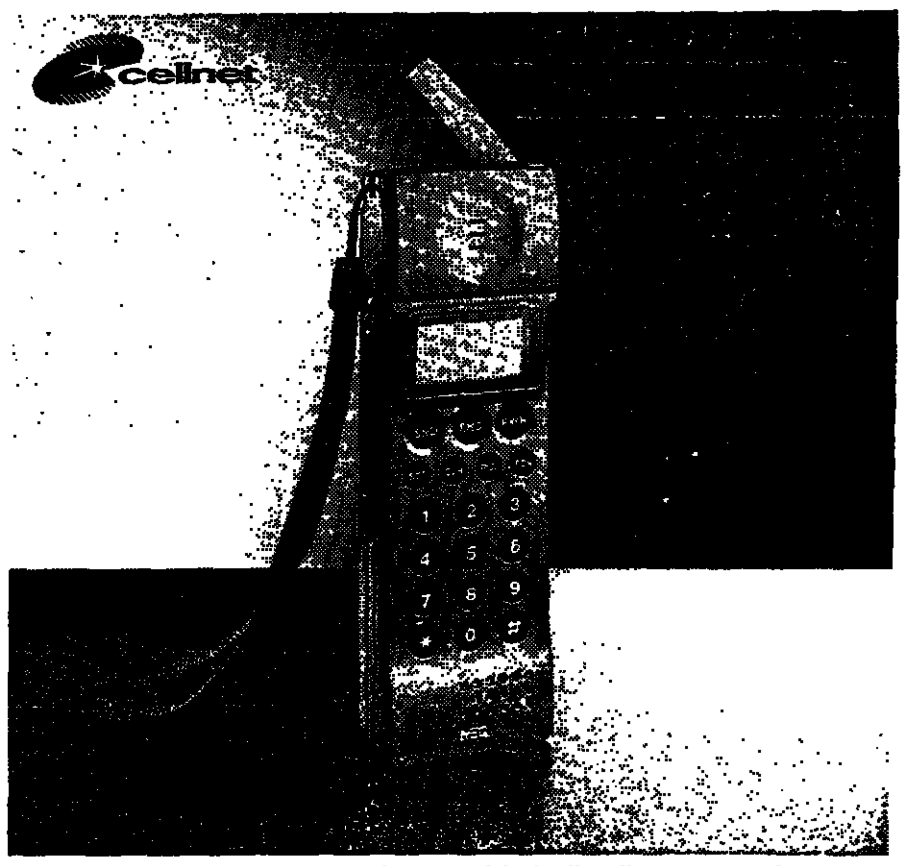

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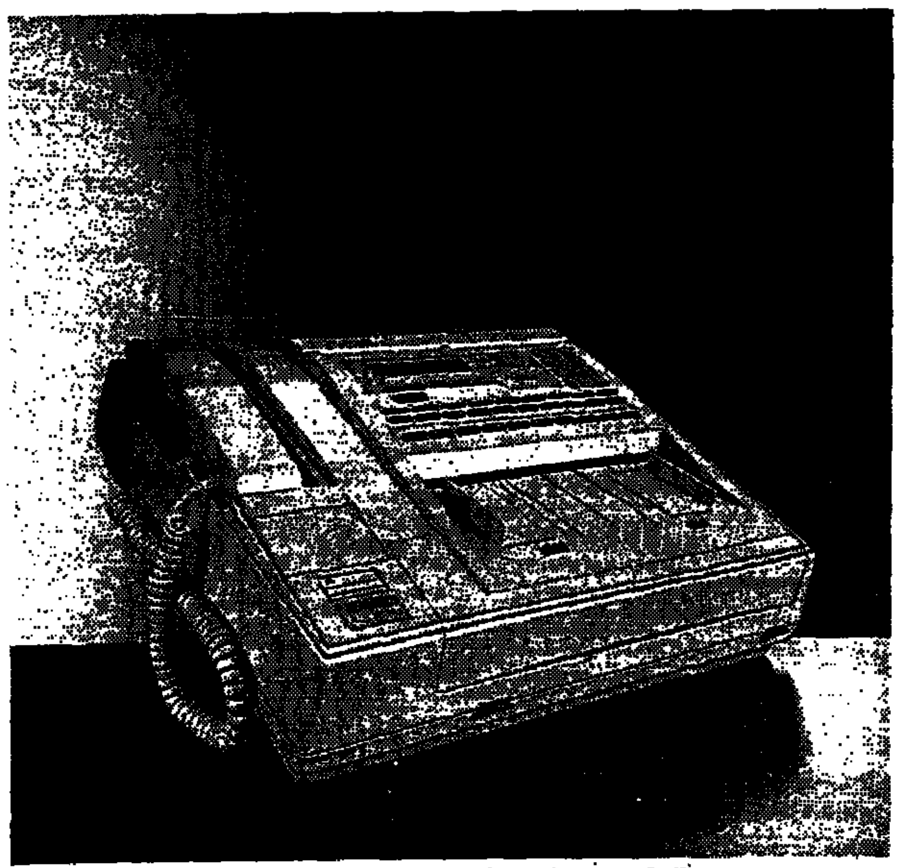

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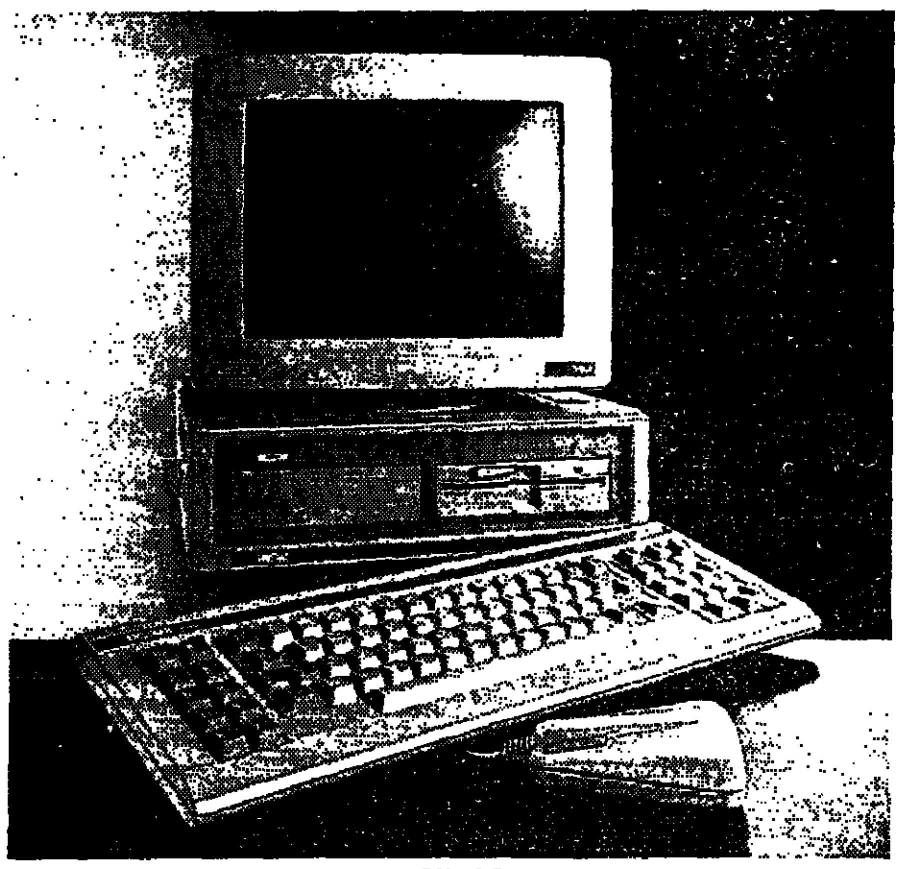

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Scots have the highest quality of life in UK

By RAY CLANCY

FAMILIES in Scotland have the best quality of life in Britain, according to a report published today. It also says that in the UK as a whole people are paying less now than last year for the same standard of living.

The Budget has helped to keep down the cost of living and the poll tax reduction will leave many families better off. A family of two adults and two children aged 10 and 13 living in a council house are better off by £130 a year, a similar family living in a three bedroom semi-detached house are £104 better off, but the family in a five or six bedroom detached house with a large garden are worse off by £334, according to *Cost of Living: Regional Comparisons March 1991*.

Scotland is top of the quality of life index, with standards 12.2 per cent above the national average. Yorkshire is 2.4 per cent above the average with the South-West 6.4 per cent below, the South-East 14 per cent below and Greater London at the bottom at 15.1 per cent below.

However, prices in some parts of Scotland for food, fuel, household items and leisure facilities are among the highest in Britain. Chingford, northeast London, is the most expensive place for goods and services, with Lerwick, Shetland, second and Kirkwall, Orkney, third. Whitburn, Lancashire, Newcastle upon Tyne and Morecambe, Lancashire, are the cheapest. When house prices are taken into account Greater London is the most expensive place to live, followed by Brighton and Welwyn Garden City. The cheapest are Northern Ireland, Thurso, Highland and Peterhead, Grampian.

The cost of dry cleaning a suit is highest in the South-West, at £6.54 and lowest in Northern Ireland, at £3.84. A manager is more likely to have a company car than a senior scientist or an engineer. According to the report, 94 per cent of managing directors have company cars and 18 per cent of scientists or engineers. The average mileage allowance paid by companies is 25 pence compared with 12.5 pence in 1979. The average weekly wage for men and women in 1990 is £263.10 compared with £32 in 1972.

The report, which is published twice a year, also gives an insight into how the costs of goods and facilities have risen. An orange cost four pence in November 1972 compared with 17 pence in February 1991. The cost of a haircut for men in 1972 was 34 pence compared with £3.98 in 1991. Going to the cinema cost 42 pence in 1972 but an average of £4.97 now.

Some prices have risen and then begun falling again. A 22 in colour television cost an average of £258 in 1972, £296 in 1982 and £265 in 1991. A three bedroom terrace house cost £11,410 in 1978, rose to £54,220 in 1989 and has now fallen back to £49,370. Similarly, a three bedroom detached house that cost £10,588 in 1972, would have fetched £94,121 in 1989 but now averages £85,550.

Cost of Living; Regional Comparisons March 1991. (The Reward Group, Reward House, Diamond Way, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 OSD; £80)

Dolphin charge to be denied

Alan Cooper, an animal rights campaigner, will deny a charge of indecency with a dolphin when the case goes to crown court, his solicitor told Alnwick magistrates' court yesterday.

Mr Cooper, aged 38, of Gorton, Manchester, was not in court. He is accused of fondling Freddie, a tame bottlenose dolphin, in Amble harbour, Northumberland, in September. The case was adjourned with a view to holding committal proceedings.

Sea code urged

An international code of conduct to regulate Channel shipping would be a lasting tribute to the six crew of the Wilhelmina J, who died when the trawler was run down by a Cypriot-registered ship, the Very Rev David Stancliffe, Provost of Portsmouth, said at a memorial service yesterday.

Jails initiative

Prison staff must "audit" their race relations performance as part of an initiative to combat discrimination, racial abuse and stereotyping. Angela Rumbold (above), minister for prisons, said all prisoners should be treated with equality, humanity and respect.

Out to grass

Qualcast is closing its lawnmower factory at Derby in July with the loss of 370 jobs. Sales have been hit by two dry summers and the recession.

Facing facts

Police in Portsmouth seeking ten men with bushy beards to form an identity parade have managed to find only two.

Sharp increase in railway suicides

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE number of suicides on London Underground has increased by 40 per cent since the 1960s, similar to the rise on mainline railways, an international conference on railway suicide was told yesterday.

Figures show that 3,240 people committed suicide on London Underground between 1940 and 1990. There are now on average 100 incidents on the network each year, about 60 of which end in death. Most incidents involve young males, many of whom are receiving psychiatric help and have no fixed home. The research shows that a disproportionate number of suicide attempts are at stations near psychiatric hospitals.

The findings are the interim results of a three-year project commissioned by London Underground to identify why people jump under trains, the effects of such incidents on staff, the disruption caused, and how suicide attempts can be discouraged. The research is being conducted by Richard Farmer and a team from the public health and epidemiology department of Charing Cross and Westminster medical school.

Train drivers have a one in 35 chance of being involved with a suicide attempt every year. That increases to one in 20 on the Northern Line because of the high number of psychiatric hospitals on the route. Reserchers found that a "one under" club had developed among drivers who encountered suicide attempts.

Those drivers often have post-traumatic stress disorders and depression, including flashbacks, feelings of guilt, sleepless nights and difficulty in driving trains. Stresses may lead to alcoholism, marital problems, and phobias, highlighting a need for better counselling.

Henry Fitzhugh, marketing director of London Underground, said: "When someone throws themselves under a train at Victoria station in the middle of the rush hour, it locks up the system for about an hour, and that has a time value of £50,000 to £70,000."

People attempting suicide tended to opt for something they thought would work, Dr Fitzhugh said. However, 46 per cent of people who attempted suicide by throwing themselves under a train survived, often severely maimed, he said.

London Underground is hoping to reduce the number of suicide attempts by examining station layouts, reducing the risk of death with more pits under the tracks along platforms, and liaising with psychiatric hospitals to identify vulnerable patients.

French women head for tunnel

By LIN JENKINS

THE French share a British superstition: women are unlucky under ground. But seven have beaten that myth and work beneath ground on the French half of the Channel tunnel project. They are among 400 women employed on the French half of the project.

One of the elite band, Corinne Fermin, has been making history. Employed to record on video the progress of construction, she found the task put her own name in the history of the tunnel when she became the first woman to walk from the French section into the British side when she recorded the breakthrough four months ago.

Marie-Andrée Ducroocq, as the industrial doctor, leads two nurses — Anne-Sophie Haunck and Marianne Denycke — into the tunnel each time there is an accident. Hélène Gourgaud, a geologist aged 28, went from the solitary task of prospecting for uranium and gold to working on the tunnel and, like Régine Gourvès, a quality control technician, was at first worried as to how she would adapt to the cramped surroundings and stale air. Now, they say, it does not bother them. The seventh, Jocya Hado, at 24 the youngest, is a security officer.

Off the beaten track: Hélène Gourgaud, a geologist, on her rounds at the French end of the Channel tunnel

Court finds against social fund appeals

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THREE men who were refused payments from the government's social fund failed in their challenge in the High Court yesterday.

Lord Justice Mann ruled that the government was entitled to exclude some claims from the fund, which he described as "the last public resort to which impoverished members of society can turn".

John Healey, aged 48, had appealed against a refusal to give him £150 for clothing after being discharged from a psychiatric home. Fund officers had denied the money because he was in residential care, a category which can be excluded from eligibility for social fund payments. The judge said that this interpretation of the rules was correct.

Harry Smith, who lives in a caravan in a layby at Dilwyn, Hereford and Worcester, with his wife and daughter, wanted £1,000 to replace his caravan which was small and damp. However, the judge said the claim was to cover costs excluded from the fund.

The court also upheld directives which excluded Sam Stitt, of Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, from receiving £85 to help to pay for assistance in looking after his six children while he was on an employment training scheme.

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Winnie Mandela is called to account for delay on alibi

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE classic policeman's question, "Where were you on the night of . . .?", has assumed critical importance in the trial of Winnie Mandela on kidnap and assault charges.

Mrs Mandela says she was in the Orange Free State when four young men were allegedly abducted from a church mission and badly beaten in her home in Soweto, but the prosecution finds it strange that she produced this alibi only two years later, when she was brought to trial.

Under cross-examination yesterday by Jan Swanepoel, for the state, Mrs Mandela was compelled to admit she had not mentioned the alibi when she was formally charged, or in interviews with the media. She "could not remember" whether she had mentioned it to Soweto community leaders who accused her of involvement in the alleged offences.

On her evidence that several youths had been brought to her home to escape sexual abuse at a church mission, she could not remember whether she had informed her lawyer of this at the time. Mr Swanepoel produced a letter from the lawyer, written six months after the alleged kidnapping, in which he said he had not heard any reports of misconduct at the mission.

Mrs Mandela was at a loss to explain why the youths should fabricate evidence against her. She said: "At this moment I can't give you a reason. Perhaps as we go along, I may be able to give you a reason." Mr Swanepoel said: "If over a period of two years you could not come up with a reason, how do you expect to do so now?" Mrs Mandela replied: "I hope I will learn the reason in court." Earlier, she dismissed heads of the anti-apartheid movement, who accused her bodyguards of waging a reign of terror in Soweto, as "a handful of so-called leaders". They included senior executives of the United Democratic Front and allied groups who led the campaign against apartheid while ANC leaders were in prison.

Reprieve for white killer angers blacks

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

BLACK leaders yesterday expressed disquiet over the reprieve of a white mass murderer who is among 17 killers whose death sentences have been commuted to terms of imprisonment by President de Klerk.

Barend Strydom, a former policeman who claimed to be leader of the *Wit Wolwe* (white wolves), an extremist right-wing group, shot dead a black squatter in November 1988, and four days later murdered seven more blacks in Pretoria. His death sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life, together with that on Robert McBride, a Coloured who detonated a car bomb outside a beachfront restaurant in Durban in June, 1986, killing three women and injuring 69 other people. The African National Congress said yesterday linking the two drew "an unfair equation" between their deeds.

Saki Macozoma, an ANC spokesman, said McBride opposed apartheid and was fighting for a non-racial South Africa but Strydom acted out of hatred for blacks and a desire to retain apartheid. Dr Nchampe Mokoape, of the Azanian People's Organisation, said the government was "using some trade-off between genuine freedom fighters and some fascist killers".

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Grizzly fate: an Australian customs officer, Sue Ford, surveying some of the skins of animals — all protected species — imported into the country and confiscated by the customs authorities over the past year. An exhibition in Sydney includes a stuffed eight-foot grizzly bear, a rare leopard skin, turtle shells, and bags, shoes, briefcases and belts, all made from protected species (Reuter reports from Sydney). Australia belongs to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora which imposes import controls

Peking to try more activists

From REUTER
IN PEKING

CHINA will try two leading student activists soon, despite assurances from senior officials that court cases linked to the 1989 pro-democracy protests were virtually completed, Chinese sources said yesterday. Wang Zhixin, a student at the leading law school in China, and Li Minqi, a Peking university liberal arts student, would soon be tried for counter-revolutionary crimes.

Activists also said that a Peking court had rejected an appeal by Wang Dan, the history graduate who headed the government's list of most-wanted students after the army crushed demonstrations, held in Tiananmen Square, on June 3-4, 1989.

Wang Zhixin has been charged with counter-revolutionary propaganda and agitation, according to his associates. He had evaded capture for nearly a year with the help of friends and sympathisers. Mr Li, who spoke out at an anti-government rally on June 3 last year, will be tried on charges of propagating and inciting counter-revolution, university sources said.

Indian MPs count their lucky stars

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

JITENDRA Nath Sharma is fed up with politicians. After telling their fortunes and hearing their most intimate fears for 20 years as one of India's leading astrologers, he says: "We should put them in zoos and let the animals out."

With the general election just over a month away, every politician is heading for his astrologer. Mr Sharma knows them all. Chandra Shekhar, the prime minister, has sought his guidance. So has V. P. Singh, the former prime minister. Indira Gandhi saw him frequently. At times like this, a ceaseless tide of MPs washes up on his doorstep. "They take the advice of their wives first, their astrologers second," he says with a smile. "Most of them are a pathetic lot."

For all his contempt, politicians follow his advice with grim seriousness, right down to the last mantra. An MP might bow out of office if the auguries for re-election are bleak. All prime ministers routinely consult astrologers before important decisions.

"You can change the future if you are forewarned about it. Nothing is fixed," Mr Sharma declares. "I might tell somebody to change the course of events by doing *puja* (a prayer ritual). We are all entirely responsible for our own futures. All politicians in this country have evil auras."

Mr Chandra Shekhar, it seems, is astonished that he ever became prime minister. Perhaps he will not be astonished to learn that he will never be prime minister again. Nor, it seems, will Mr Singh. Mr Sharma predicts that Rajiv Gandhi will return to power after the May 20-26 general election as head of a fragile coalition government. There will be political chaos for one year and two months, after which Mr Gandhi will fade into history and a natural leader will emerge. "He will be a new Mahatma Gandhi, a truly great man. I do not yet know who it is."

Nancy Reagan once called Mr Sharma to Washington to ask about her husband's health. The Shah of Iran summoned him to Tehran for five days to ask whether he should flee. Mr Sharma predicted calamity. In 1989 he wrote that by 1991 Margaret Thatcher would be out of power. He thinks her aura is "hard". He has yet to decide about John Major.

Hunger stalks the Greene paddy fields

From JAMES PRINGLE ON ROUTE NUMBER ONE, CAMBODIA

THE potholed road linking Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in Vietnam with the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh straddles a scorched landscape of dried, cracked rice paddies where occasional figures move listlessly.

Drought, a lack of fertiliser because of a cut-off in Soviet supplies, and the displacement of 186,000 people in the latest phase of Cambodia's 12-year civil war have caused the Vietnam-backed Phnom Penh government to appeal for 100,000 tonnes of rice to feed a rural population threatened by malnutrition.

The 152-mile, six-hour drive in the hottest month of the year yesterday was a journey between two worlds, the now peaceful Vietnam and a Cambodia still engulfed in war. On the overpopulated Vietnamese side, every inch of land is irrigated and cultivated. In Cambodia, the population seems to fall away. The countryside appears almost bereft of human life.

There is little danger on this road, although four-man patrols of Khmer Rouge guerrillas are operating in eastern Cambodia. But the preponderance of guns on the Cambodian side of the border at Bavet indicates that the traveller is entering a war zone.

By contrast, Highway One from Saigon to Moc Bai, on the Vietnamese side of the frontier in Tay Ninh province, is peaceful, though it was not always so. Since French colonial times, the road was subject to attack by the Viet Minh and their successors, the Viet Cong.

In one of Graham Greene's novels, *The Quiet American*, the vehicle of the British journalist Fowler breaks down on this route, and he spends the night in a watchtower with local force soldiers as the Viet Minh roam the fields around. A few of the old French blockhouses remain.

Fowler was on his way back from a ceremony at a church of the Cao Dai religion, a curious sect that combines Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity and counts Winston Churchill among its minor saints. These pale blue and pink churches, with their eye of God, are still here and near one of them a photographer took one of the most poignant pictures of the Vietnam war, that of a little girl running naked down Highway One after a napalm attack.

Yesterday, near the Cao Dai church, women wearing limpet-shaped hats were working in the rice fields.

At the Vietnamese frontier post, a bright young Vietnamese immigration officer who spoke English and is learning Cambodian led me to a vantage point to see the Black Virgin mountain, the sacred peak that Greene wrote "stood like a bowler hat" above Tay Ninh.

On the Cambodian side, a customs officer pocketed Vietnamese banknotes handed over by a woman, no doubt in exchange for letting contraband through. Small traders were carrying rubber flip-flops, Chinese vacuum flasks and cartons of British cigarettes. The Vietnam-Cambodia border is not just a frontier between two countries, but between two civilisations, the Chinese-Confucian one of Vietnam and the Indian-Brahmin one of Cambodia. In Cambodia, things move at a slower pace, and generally with more charm. While Highway One on the Vietnam side is packed with bicycles, cars, trucks and ox-drawn carts, the road in Cambodia is often virtually deserted.

I was going to Phnom Penh in a minibus with a group of Vietnamese traders who normally travelled from the Mekong delta into Cambodia's Kampot province. They said their usual route was now insecure because of Khmer Rouge ambushes.

From the Neak Luong ferry, it was a straight run into Phnom Penh on the anniversary of April 17, 1975, the day the Khmer Rouge entered the city and shortly after began to evacuate the entire population to the countryside at the start of Year Zero. Exactly 16 years later, the Khmer Rouge were still being spoken of with fear.

Bribery claim by Briton

Bangkok — A Briton charged with smuggling 3.3lb of pure heroin told a Thai court that police who arrested him had accepted bribes. Stephen Harris, barefoot and wearing leg irons, switched an earlier guilty plea to not guilty at the three-hour hearing. He faces a possible death sentence, although no Westerner has been executed in Thailand.

Mr Harris, aged 27, from Nottingham, accused a colonel and a sergeant of receiving £950 and a gold chain. His lawyer, Vichien Panyankarn, said Mr Harris gave the money and chain to a Thai girl, who said she would try to bribe the police into releasing him. Police freed the girl without taking details or charging her after Mr Harris's arrest in a Bangkok flat last December, he said. Colonel Sawang Vibulphong denied the charge.

Mr Vichien asked Mr Harris to restrain himself after he continually pointed at the colonel and shook his head during the hearing. *(Reuter)*

Students protest

Seoul — Students threw petrol bombs as police stormed a university campus to crush a rally against President Gorbachev's planned visit to South Korea later this week. Students said the trip would "perpetuate the division of the Korean peninsula", and accused President Roh Tae Woo of "beggar's diplomacy". *(Reuter)*

Rally blocked

Taipei — About 10,000 people marched through central Taipei demanding the resignation of elderly Nationalist MPs and democratic reform, but were prevented, by barbed-wire barricades and a cordon of thousands of police, from reaching a main square in which opposition leaders were staging a rally *(Reuter)*

Profits chopped

Peking — China's chopstick makers increased exports by 12 per cent last year, but earnings, at $20 million (£11.2 million), were unchanged, the *China Daily* said. Most exports go to Japan and South Korea, and trade officials blamed poor quality and price competition for the fall in profits. *(AFP)*

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Advertisers create a stir with old beans

Americans know that the Queen drinks a particular brand of coffee at tea-time because they have seen her sipping it by her Buckingham Palace fireside in television commercials that have been running for months. Her Majesty is shown only in silhouette, but there is no mistaking her because Big Ben is striking outside the window, fierce corgis are at her feet, and the butler is straight out of *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

American advertisers have used plummy English accents, pea-soup fogs and country houses to peddle their products for so long that a generation of Americans were amazed when chaps in baggy shorts toting teddybears did not turn up in Spitfires to take a crack at President Saddam Hussein.

The formula works even for goods which have almost nothing to do with Britain. A brand of French mustard, for example, is known to American viewers as the favourite of fellows who wind down the windows of their Rolls-Royces and say to the occupant of the next car, also a Rolls, of course: "Pardon me, but would you have any?"

Over the past couple of months, however, the Nestlé company has tried a new approach, taking its British Gold Blend campaign, the serial romance between coffee-loving neighbours, and Americanised it, using the same British actors. The result has provoked something of a sensation.

In the American version, Tony Head, the actor, puts on an unconvincing American accent, while Sharon Mughan (pronounced Mawm), his neighbour, hams up every American's idea of an upper-class Brit. The results are unintentionally hilarious, provoking *The Washington Post* to report that there is "more eyebrow activity than has been seen on television since Groucho Marx".

Not long ago, anyone who suggested inviting the Central Intelligence Agency to teach courses at American universities would have been sent for a mental health check. But images change, and the wicked covert operators of yore have gone the way of platform shoes and vinyl records. To the dismay of those who think the academic world has little to learn in the field of plots and conspiracy, more than a hundred universities are now offering undergraduate courses in spying and they are oversubscribed. The classes, which in a dozen universities are taught by CIA "officers in residence", are not so much about hiding micro-dots in tooth fillings as they are about analysing data. In one typical exercise, students have to identify a missile site from a satellite photograph.

But the mystique is undiminished. "It's a topic that has a fair amount of sex appeal," said Lester Paldy, a lecturer in intelligence technology at the State University of New York. Scott Rausch, one of his students, agreed. "It's still exciting. You just don't have women and fast cars and stuff," he said.

At the National Intelligence Study Centre, a spokeswoman said spying was once again patriotic and glamorous. "The whole student body has changed. They're trying to get into the CIA. A lot are calling us to find out how to apply." The agency could not be happier: it has had 150,000 applications for jobs so far this year.

Nervous men kissed on the cheek. Their women stood weeping a respectful distance away in a sea of flowers, and the FBI watched from across the street. The scene at Raccuglia's Funeral Home in Brooklyn was a set piece from *The Godfather*. The Gambino family had come to grieve over Bobby Borriello, the driver and confidant of John Gotti, the alleged boss of America's biggest surviving Mafia clan, who died when someone put ten bullets into him as he stepped out of his car.

By the mob's rules, the driver is a senior soldier, so "whacking" him is deemed a "major message", especially since Mr Borriello was said to be a favourite of Mr Gotti, who is now in jail awaiting trial on charges of murder and racketeering.

Cool Kaifu response to Gorbachev plan for new Pacific order

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday unveiled a plan to reduce the Soviet military presence in the Asia-Pacific region and again called for a five-nation Asia-Pacific security framework, inviting the United States, Japan, China and India to join the Soviet Union in building a new order in the region.

Mr Gorbachev put his proposals to Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, during their morning talks. Later, addressing the Diet (parliament) in his first important Asia-Pacific policy speech in almost three years, Mr Gorbachev also proposed a new relationship with Japan and a trilateral conference with Japan and the United States to "remove suspicions and build confidence through concrete agreement". He put forward the idea of a Soviet-Japanese security conference and a zone of co-operation in northeast Asia around the Japan Sea.

Mr Kaifu is understood to have responded negatively to the Soviet leader's proposal for a five-nation framework, which is seen here as an Asian version of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. Mr Gorbachev first proposed the scheme in a 1986 speech in Vladivostok.

Such a new order is meaningless for Japan without a solution to the territorial dispute over the four Kurile islands, off the country's northern coast, which have been occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945.

In his speech to the Diet, Mr Gorbachev officially referred to the territorial dispute, saying that "there is a need to resolve problems between our two countries, including the issue of demarcation of territory". He added that recent changes in Europe in response to perestroika should also be reflected in the Asia-Pacific region.

In spite of the territorial impasse, Japan would rather not contemplate any deal that requires it to take the initiative in regional security. Mr Kaifu told Mr Gorbachev that Tokyo considered it more effective to tackle regional security problems, such as the Cambodian conflict, on a bilateral rather than a multilateral basis.

Mr Gorbachev and Mr Kaifu spent more than two hours last night in one-to-one discussions about the territorial problem. No details were revealed, but the two leaders will have an unscheduled fourth meeting this morning.

Mr Kaifu told Mr Gorbachev of his concern over the redeployment of Soviet weapons east of the Urals, the traditional geographic boundary between Europe and Asia. According to Japan's defence agency, the Soviet army already deploys about 60 per cent of its 41 far eastern army divisions, some 360,000 men, within 750 miles of northern Japan. About 70 per cent of the 2,240 fighters and bombers in the Soviet far east are stationed along the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk, and more than 800 Soviet warships from the Pacific fleet are in the region.

Yesterday was not without its traumas. As the two leaders got down to their face-to-face talks, Valentin Fedorov, the governor of Sakhalin, the large Russian Federation island north of Japan, and an official member of Mr Gorbachev's entourage, suddenly packed his bags and flew home, apparently angry that he had not been allowed to take part in the diplomatic talks. He has in the past strongly expressed his opposition to the return of the Kuriles, south and east of Sakhalin, to Japan.

Soviet spanners in Tokyo clockwork

By JOANNA PITMAN

IN A country where punctuality is close to godliness President Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, have raised a few eyebrows and confounded Japanese foreign ministry planners with impulsive schedule changes.

Emperor Akihito, Empress Michiko and 150 of Japan's most erudite dignitaries sat twiddling their thumbs on Tuesday evening waiting for the Soviet couple to arrive at an imperial banquet. The Gorbachevs had decided to tack on an extra 17 minutes to their scheduled 24 at a classical concert held in their honour. Testy Japanese officials ushered the presidential party into their bomb-proof limousines with more than usual urgency. In Japan, nobody keeps the emperor waiting.

Mrs Gorbachev has kept her own posse of police on their toes with several spontaneous forays into the crowds. On Tuesday she stopped her limousine in the Ginza shopping district to shake hands with shoppers. A crying baby and its mother sat in the car as anxious policemen pondered frisking the infant.

Yesterday Mrs Gorbachev, picked her high-heeled way through piles of writhing octopus tentacles and tons of fish in Tokyo's Tsukiji market. Perhaps symbolic of slippery bilateral relations, Mrs Gorbachev was presented with a small squid and a sizeable flounder.

Clutching the damp offerings Mrs Gorbachev was rushed off – 32 minutes late – to meet Kiyoshi and Kyoko Inoue, chosen by the foreign ministry as Mr and Mrs [illegible]. [illegible] the Inoues live in a house with a garden which is probably worth about £2 million, putting them rather above average.

Empress Michiko: kept waiting at a banquet

Here's looking at you: Mr Gorbachev sharing a toast with Japanese businessmen at a Tokyo lunch yesterday

ZiL keeps the red flag flying

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

IF RECENT weeks have given the impression that the Soviet Union is a fiercely erupting volcano of industrial discontent in which even the directors are stoking the flames, the ZiL motor works in Moscow offers a sound corrective.

At ZiL, purveyor of stretch-limousines to Soviet rulers and a bare 15 minutes' drive from the Kremlin, a strike is a concept as un-Russian as a morning suit and as unnecessary as a zip in a banana. Vladimir Korneyev, the deputy director, said: "Our workers don't have time to demonstrate; they are here, doing what they are supposed to be doing – working."

There is an unofficial trade union at ZiL, although the head of the official union there, Mikhail Alliluyev, says he is unaware of it. "Why would anyone need an unofficial trade union? We put the workers' interests first."

Memory lane: undeterred by perestroika, ZiL produces limousines in the old ways

ZiL and its management offer a haven of bolshevism in a fast-changing world. Founded as a private concern in 1916, its first vehicles came off the production line only in 1924. They were the first all-Soviet lorries, and they have been in production more or less ever since.

Mr Korneyev, a dapper grey-haired Muscovite, looks back with nostalgia to those early days when heavy industry was what the Soviet Union was all about, the guiding purpose to make the country economically independent of the West. Now, he says, the biggest difficulty is staff turnover. The average pay of 300 roubles (£300) a month before the recent compensation for price rises is insufficient to keep trained staff. Even the 500 roubles that ZiL hopes to pay by the end of the year will not be enough. Co-operative ventures offer 800 to 900 roubles. Moscow industry is so short-staffed that any bankrupt privateer can return to the trade he left.

Along with the limousines, which are made only to order, ZiL produces 700 lorries a day. They are said to be the only vehicles in the world, apart from Rolls-Royces, where the body and the chassis are put together by hand. The biggest recent change has been to switch from diesel to petrol engines. A computerised production line now allows the simultaneous assembly of both types. The managers say the right engine is automatically mounted into the right body, but a shadow of doubt remains. There is much hammering of recalcitrant parts into place.

Like many Soviet factories, the ZiL works provides everything the workers and their families are supposed to need. "They complain to us about the state of city transport, or about the 5 per cent sales tax," Mr Alliluyev said. "But what can we do?" Within the works, Mr Korneyev regards a seven-year waiting list for housing as an achievement. As he tells it, everyone can take a subsidised holiday, buy subsidised clothes and consumer goods, and eat for a couple of roubles in the canteen.

What if policy changed and ZiL were privatised? The deputy director became almost truculent. "I am an implacable opponent of private enterprise. I don't want ZiL to be private. It would not survive as a private factory because it would not have the resources for renewal. And the collective takes the same view." The collective – at lunch in the canteen or basking in the spring sunshine – was old-fashioned enough not to demur.

Insults pepper Bonn accord

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

IT SEEMED a good idea when the German government and opposition agreed last Friday to work together in two committees to rescue eastern Germany from economic collapse. Before a single meeting can be arranged, however, both sides are at each other's throat.

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, yesterday ruled out any idea that the Social Democrats (SPD) would be allowed to discuss government policy. Hans-Jochen Vogel, the opposition leader, implied this made little difference since the government was now largely following the interventionist policy of the SPD.

The tone of the exchanges is growing more vitriolic. The chancellor should whistle off the firebrands of his party, said Frau Herta Däubler-Gmelin, the deputy SPD leader. The SPD was falsely raising the expectations of poor people in eastern Germany, countered Volker Rühe, general secretary of the chancellor's Christian Democrats (CDU).

Certainly electioneering is involved, since Rhineland-Palatinate, Herr Kohl's home state, votes for a new parliament on Sunday. Voters there have always picked a CDU government, but opinion polls show the SPD in the lead, and Herr Kohl's party risks a humiliating defeat.

Despite the argument, the government has abandoned its reliance on private investment to pull the east out of economic difficulties. Treuhand, the agency set up to privatise old communist combines, is now helping lame-duck industries to survive rather than killing them off.

Imam shows Albanians how to pray

From TIM JUDAH IN TIRANA

ACROSS Tirana's great Skanderbeg Square, where Albanians once roared for their stalinist dictator, Enver Hoxha, a new chant can be heard: "God is great and Muhammad is his prophet." Inside the square's 18th-century mosque, some 40 men sit listening to their imam while outside scores crowd the door and windows trying to catch a glimpse of what is happening. The men inside do not bow and stand in the traditional manner because most of them do not know how.

From 1967 until three months ago, religion was illegal in Albania. Hoxha declared his country the world's first atheist state, closed churches and mosques, and jailed anyone who showed any inclination towards their faith. Today, Muslims, who are some two-thirds of Albania's population, making it Europe's only Muslim majority country, are curious again about their religion.

"I came to teach the people how to pray," said Ibrahim Suleiman, an imam from Egypt who causes heads to turn as he strides across the square in his grey robes and with a white umbrella. "The old men still remember what to do, but the fact is that the young people know nothing. Since the government does not help Islam here, then it is the duty of Muslims to help each other."

Those who come to the two mosques that have reopened in Tirana have terrifying tales to tell. According to Ilir Mullilli, aged 34, throughout the years of the ban on religion, some Muslims came together to pray secretly. He said: "Four years ago I went to one of these underground gatherings. There were about ten people, but I was too scared to go again, because if we had been caught it would have meant ten years in jail."

Mehmet Sinella, aged 67, trained as a Muslim leader – ironically, in Albanian, a *hoxha* – in the 1940s. He came from a family which had been *hoxhas* for nine generations. As early Albanian stalinism had already scared so many people away from public worship, he became a teacher but he soon lost his job. In 1947 he defied a ban on teachers praying ("in case they influenced young people"). Because of his background, Mr Sinella says he never dared go to an underground prayer meeting, and in what must be one of the most terrible indicitments of Albanian tyranny said: "I was so scared that I dared not pray even at home in the middle of the night. There were spies everywhere." Some did defy fear though. Hafiz Hassan Qytyku said he secretly kept his Koran while the authorities gathered all religious works to burn them. "I never let go of it."

Under the dome of Tirana's second mosque, built in 1929, one old man said: "When they closed the mosques our leader said, 'The earth is enough for us'. He was right, we can pray anywhere." Today the delicate painted flowers of the mosque are flaking, but its floor is covered in new richly coloured rugs. It still smells faintly of the tobacco that was stored here during the 24-year ban.

Even though at least one mosque has reopened in each of Albania's main towns, they are not full. "Most people are curious but no more," said Andi Dervishi, a student. Svetlana Rocca, who works in a Tirana ministry, said: "We were never a religious people. I think that if they had not closed the mosques and churches no one would go today. Those who do go do so because it was forbidden." It is an argument rejected by Mehmet Sinella, who said: "Muslim Albanians were religious and they loved their faith, but it is true that they did not love it like the Arabs do."

Serbian workers call off strike

Belgrade – About 700,000 workers in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia ended their strike after the state's parliament approved government pledges to pay back wages, cut taxes and reform the welfare system.

The biggest work stoppage the country has seen in decades began on Tuesday and posed a serious challenge to Serbia's leadership, which is battling with rival republics over Yugoslavia's fate. Most strikers – almost a third of Serbia's labour force – have not been paid for months.

The republic's government, which had said the state coffers were empty, intends to meet back payments and cut taxes either by getting the federal government to relax its tight monetary policy or by cutting Serbia's payments to Yugoslav funds.

In Croatia the parliament voted overwhelmingly to accelerate secession from the disintegrating Yugoslav federation of six republics. The move was seen by critics as brinkmanship in advance of today's meeting of republican leaders to discuss the country's future. *(AP)*

Soaring crime

Bucharest – Romania has been hit by a crime wave, with embezzlement, fraud, robbery, murder, police corruption and organised juvenile crime on the rise. According to police figures,28,722 crimes were committed in the first quarter of the year, compared with only 9,264 in the same period last year. *(Reuter)*

Hostage freed

Bianco – Agostino De Pascale, aged 34, a doctor who was kidnapped four months ago, and for whom a ransom of 700 million lire (£560,000) had already been paid by relatives, has been rescued from a mountain in southern Italy. Police had to convince him they were not kidnappers playing a joke. *(Reuter)*

Pollution claim

Rome – Italy is to claim compensation for pollution caused by the Cypriot-registered tanker, Haven, which sank, with much of its cargo of one million barrels of oil, in the Bay of Genoa. The tanker spewed thousands of tons of oil into the bay as it burnt for four days before the sinking. *(Reuter)*

Antall recovers

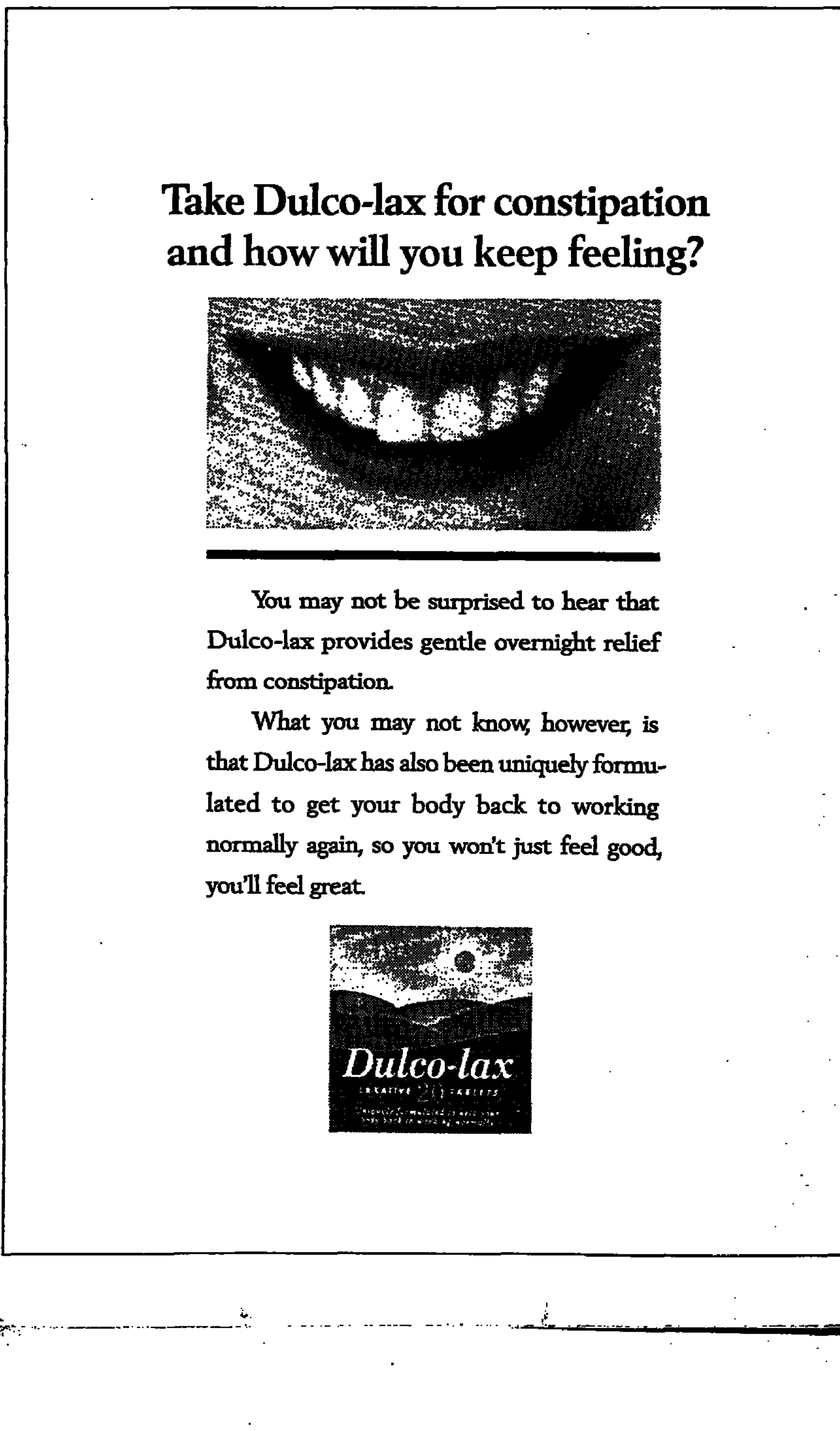
Budapest – Jozsef Antall, the Hungarian prime minister, who has been under treatment for cancer, has made a full recovery and is to go ahead with trips to Japan, Canada, Spain and Israel. He may also visit Moscow to sign an agreement on future relations with the Soviet Union. *(Reuter)*

Whaling threat

Oslo – Norway wants the International Whaling Commission to end a ban on commercial whaling and plans to kill more minke whales for research from 1992, the fisheries ministry said. The 36-nation commission banned commercial minke whale catches for five years in 1986. *(Reuter)*

Rust 'disturbed'

Hamburg – Mathias Rust, aged 23, who became a German folk hero when, in May 1987, he flew a Cessna 172 from Finland to Red Square in Moscow, is mentally disturbed, Johann Burchard, a psychiatrist, told a court. Mr Rust is accused of attempting to murder, by stabbing, a student nurse. *(AP)*



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Victory for the greens

The latest dietary advice is that doubling our fruit and vegetable intake could save lives. Ann Kent reports

Parents who urge offspring to "finish up your vegetables" will now have the might of the World Health Organisation (WHO) behind them. The children might consider investing their pocket money in fruit and vegetable futures.

A WHO report, to be launched by the Consumers' Association in the House of Commons today, says that most of us need to double the amount of fruit and vegetables in our diets. In fact the report, the first to look at the association of diet with a wide range of diseases, puts unprecedented emphasis on the value of these foods.

According to "Diet, Nutrition and the Prevention of Chronic Diseases", our consumption should be at least 1lb weight a day of fruit and vegetables (not including potatoes) — about twice the amount currently eaten. The report explains that the modern high-fat, high-energy diet has outstripped the capacity of the human body to adapt to such foods. It urges a return to the kind of diet which fuelled most of human evolution: low in fat, very low in sugar and high in fibre and other complex carbohydrates.

> *'You can produce a diet with a glorious array of tastes'*

If the report's suggestion that we double our consumption of complex carbohydrates — starchy foods such as bread, rice, pasta, beans, and potatoes — is met, then another guideline on doubling the national fibre intake can easily be met.

The objective of these changes is to reduce the number of people who are killed or disabled in middle age as a result of diet-induced cancers, heart disease and diabetes. The report says that third world populations that move from a carbohydrate-dominated diet to one rich in fats are already experiencing a greater toll of these diseases.

According to Richard Peto, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's cancer trials unit, the evidence that fruit and vegetables protect against cancer and heart disease is "suggestive" rather than conclusive. However, Mr Peto, who was not involved with writing the WHO report, is pleased that the recommendations emphasise a reduction in dietary fat. He is convinced by the evidence linking fats, cholesterol and heart disease.

The report admits that it is not known exactly how fruit and vegetables may protect against heart disease and cancer. However, many researchers believe protection is achieved by the anti-oxidant effects of vitamins C, E and beta-carotene. The vitamins mop up harmful free radicals of oxygen, unstable particles which are believed to interfere with the structure of fats in the blood and artery walls. An excess of free radicals may also damage healthy tissues, and anti-oxidant vitamins are believed to limit this damage, preventing the development of cancers of the lung, colon, bladder, rectum, oral cavity, stomach, cervix and oesophagus.

Picture of health: detail from The Face, by the 16th century artist Giuseppe Arcimbaldo

But people who do not want to make radical changes to their diet will not be able to take vitamin pills instead. It is possible that fruit and vegetables contain other protective substances, as yet undiscovered. Professor Philip James, the British chairman of the study group which produced the WHO report, adds: "The benefits of eating more fruit and vegetables outweigh a hundredfold the theoretical and unproven risks of taking in extra pesticides."

Moreover, attempting to meet the increased complex carbohydrate requirement without extra fruit and vegetables would produce a starchy, boring diet. Doing without both would lead the hungry consumer straight back to the cake tin. In line with earlier nutritional advice, the WHO targets require a halving of the average consumption of sugar and salt, and a reduction of about a third of total fat consumed. But are such goals achievable in a society in which food is bound up with pleasure and gratification?

Alison Black, a state registered dietitian with the Medical Research Council's Dunn Nutrition Unit, is doubtful. She questions whether the WHO recommendation of a maximum fat intake of 30 per cent of energy (calories) can be achieved easily. "We went down to 30 per cent fat in the second world war, and people felt pretty deprived. It is very hard to reduce fat and sugar at the same time without losing weight and feeling hungry. I think 35 per cent of energy would be a more realistic target for the fat."

Sue Dibb, of the independent food watchdog, the Food Commission, believes that most people have no idea of the percentage of fat and sugar in their diets, and that we need more "user-friendly" labelling. "At present some food manufacturers hide the added sugar in their products by listing it under carbohydrates, for instance," she says. "The best advice people can have is to buy and cook and use fresh whole products every day."

Professor James, the director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, believes that the diet is achievable and palatable. "I follow these guidelines myself. The fruit, vegetables and cereals will not only fill you up, but have major health benefits. You can produce a diet based on our recommendations with a glorious array of tastes."

Despite its emphasis on fruit, vegetables and cereals, the WHO report avoids recommending a vegetarian diet. "We deliberately struck a middle course because, in the third world, iron deficiency is affecting the brain development of children, and for them the best way of avoiding that is to include a little meat in the diet," Professor James says. But, he adds, well balanced vegetarian diets in more affluent groups are perfectly acceptable.

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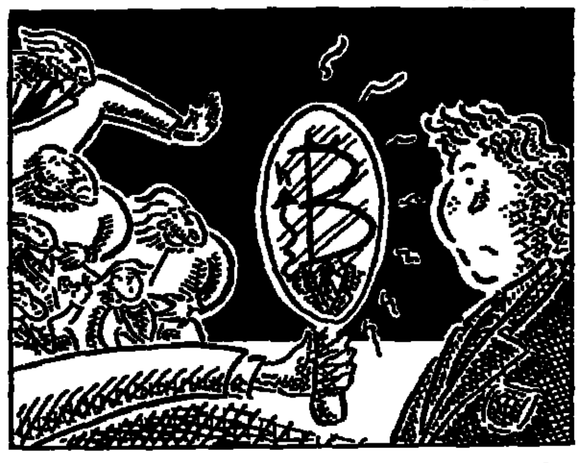
MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Cost of happiness



NICK MALAND

PHOTOGRAPHS of Daniel Robinson, the seven-year-old Huddersfield boy whose continuing school attendance has caused uproar, show him unsmiling and wary. Daniel is a chronic hepatitis B carrier. Although he may look alone, worldwide there are up to 200 million people chronically infected with hepatitis B. When hepatitis B is caught at birth, as it often is in those developing countries where it is endemic, more than 90 per cent of victims will become carriers. When caught later in life, only 10 per cent become carriers. A molecular test now enables doctors to detect the presence of the DNA of hepatitis B virus. If the DNA is present, the patient is classified as being highly infectious; if absent, the chance of the blood being infectious is very low.

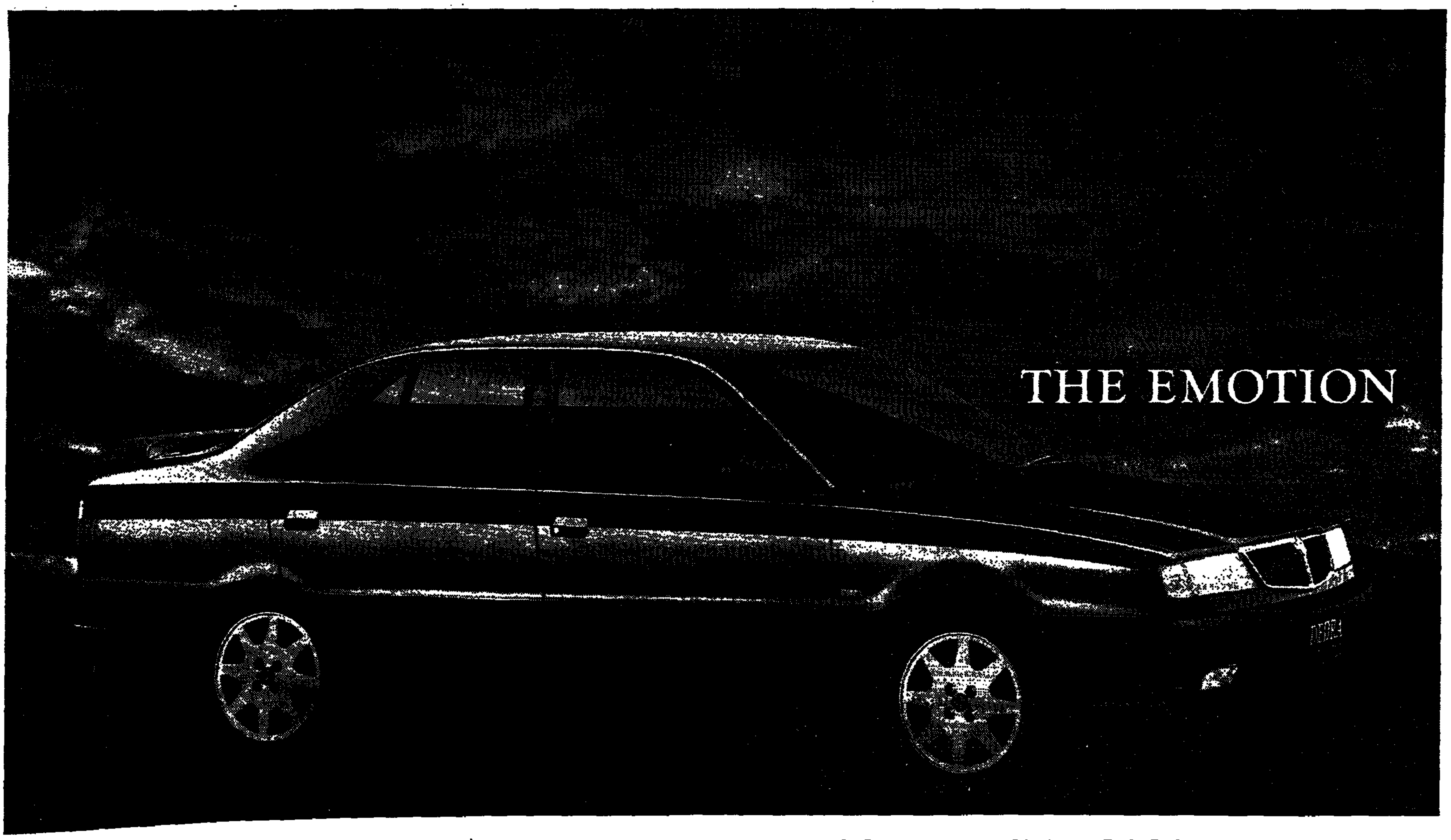
As hepatitis B is associated with minority groups — patients from the third world, homosexuals and bisexuals, drug addicts and health workers — the integration of infected children is of considerable social importance. An internationally respected expert on hepatitis B said this week that the chance of another child catching it from playground contact is very low, but added that parents are not interested in statistics; they want to be reassured that the risk for their own children is zero. Some countries have overcome this problem by vaccination. There is no medical reason why Daniel should not attend school with complete safety if Britain adopted vaccination, but in its desire to save cash the NHS provides the injection only for those minority groups considered to be at risk. The cost of the vaccine needed for the three injections is £55.53; individuals who wanted it could always consult their own GP.

Sexual power of the root

DESPITE the announcement this week that the International Olympic Committee had cleared ginseng of being a drug, people might be unwise to disparage its power. The root contains several saponin glycosides, which animal experiments have shown to have a wide range of pharmacological actions, including the ability to increase testosterone levels in rats, and the size of the testicles in rabbits. The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that a nurse who took twice the recommended dose of ginseng throughout her pregnancy gave birth to an unusually well-grown boy with thick pubic hair, adult-size testes and a hairy forehead. Only when the baby was weaned did these inappropriate signs of maturity recede. Chinese doctors usually prescribe ginseng only for middle-aged and elderly patients.

Sizing up the rabies problem

IN THE normal course of events, to be savaged by Gary and Yvonne Wilson's tosatoken, should it ever lose its apparent good nature, would obviously be more distressing than to be nipped by Dino, the minute chihuahua treasured by Patrick Robertson, the founder of the Bruges Group. But rabies would render a bite from a tosatoken or a chihuahua equally lethal. Despite the pleas of doting owners, the danger to the community from pet smuggling is not inversely proportional to the pets' cuddliness. Recent reports show that the advance of rabies has continued into northern France, and isolated cases have occurred within a few miles of Channel ports. The risk to the average traveller in Europe, or even to cosmopolitan centres in more exotic places, is low provided that the temptation to pat stray dogs, or stray cats, is resisted. Anybody who intends to live in an area where rabies is endemic, particularly if they come into contact with animals, should be vaccinated. Since the introduction by the Merieux Institute of human diploid vaccine, immunisation is safe, effective and no more painful than any other injection. Three intramuscular doses are given, the first two separated by a month, the third six to 12 months later; boosters are needed every third year. Veterinary surgeons, kennel workers and some Customs officers need vaccination.



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THE POWER
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BUMPER sex, that old structural prop of the thriller (pages 28, 64, 109, etc.), is less permissible than it used to be. The hot-blooded and beautiful Darya, Russian temptress — dispenser of double-alpha "whole-body orgasms" and super-brainy with it — comes on like some voluptuous anachronism, an ultimate, mind-bending villainess out of Bond. with a dash of de Sade, bad girls have more fun is the message, especially when telepathic. In The Power James Mills enters the nebulous world of psychotronics and attributes the bizarre (recorded) behaviour of US presidents Nixon and Carter to psychic tampering by the Soviets. Who is the gullible reader to disagree? Mills crosses sci-fi with satanism in an entertaining stew that has the biggest MacGuffin of all — Operation Spectrum, a hitherto unsuspected Soviet occult weapons system. A US scientist stalks through a brightly written, shady plot that takes him into the heart and loins of the Soviet beast. *Beta* + +.

■ A German Requiem (*Viking, £13.99*), the third of Philip Kerr's ambitious Nazi Germany private eye stories, moves Bernie Gunther forward from Thirties Berlin to Vienna 1947, just prior to the filming of *The Third Man*, a knowing reference in a book marked by thorough research. Bernie's war record suggests as much: Kerr has him posted to the obscure, but actual, Wehrmacht War Crimes Bureau. Evocation of place is Kerr's other strength — the rubble of postwar Berlin, and the international black-market maze of Vienna, which acts as a backdrop for the realignment of Allied and Nazi interests, thrown into unceremonious alliance in the face of Soviet aggression. Both cities are artfully recreated. The plot matches Greene for intelligence, so what is finally missing? Harry Lime, perhaps. *Beta* + +.

■ Flawed London copper investigating a spate of serial killings by a sniper takes a trip into his own dark interior in Jack Curtis's **Sons Of The Morning** *(Bantam, £13.99)*. A manhunt across barren urban and country landscapes is interspersed with bouts of desperate sex, indication of the copper's existential unease. Author Curtis has signed on with the serious school, and, if anything, is overstylish in pursuit of his point, contriving to be both voluble and laconic at the same time. Plenty of high wild cards are played early. but the initial pleasing randomness gives way to conventional intrigue, and an inscrutable conspiracy that fails to generate sufficient paranoia. The copper's real vocation is for wrestling with his demons in solitary rooms; he grows tiresome, taking pot shots at his quarry on Dartmoor, by when it is clear that the real victim in all this is his long-suffering wife. *Beta* +.

■ In these fast-forward times of political change, thriller writers could do worse than take to the church, that organisation least likely to alter between writing and publication. David Morrell's **The Covenant Of The Flame** *(Headline, £14.95)* revives the Albigensian heresy, of all things — unlikely to be overtaken by next month's news headlines — and chucks in a dash of green. Ruthless eco-vigilantes, secret religious societies, human sacrifice, and an overuse of exclamation marks contribute to a piece of brisk tosh by a former professor of American literature. *Beta* +.

■ Thomas Gifford spent nine years researching **The Assassini** *(Bantam, £13.99)*. The effort shows in 600 research-heavy pages; plot and character struggle. Most enjoyment is to be had from Gifford's Vatican, given over to power plays of such brutal refinement that they make most secular intrigues seem unworldly. Plot revives that old chestnut of church collusion with the Nazis, and leads, via much globe-trotting and blood-letting, to the realisation that there still exists within the church a secret society of assassins playing out its hand around a dying Pope. Ex-Jesuit lawyer — with guilt in overdrive — and radical nun investigating make for a chaste pairing. *Beta*.

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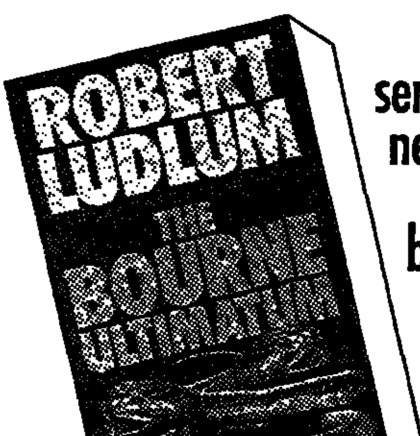

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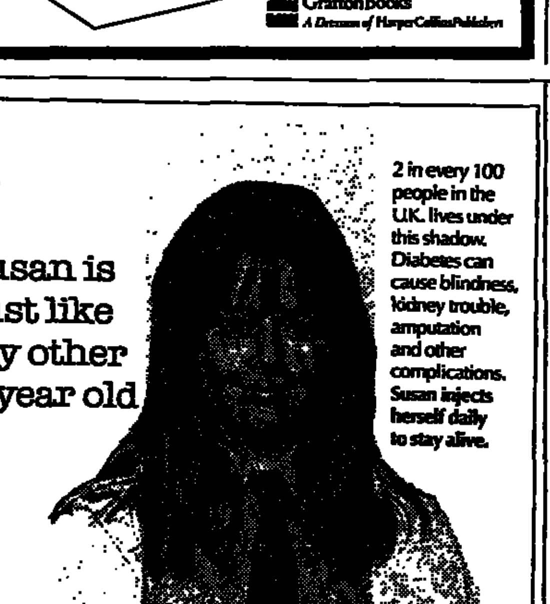

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The post-feminist blues

Victoria Glendinning on the trials of being washed up in middle age with no love and nothing to do

THE QUEEN OF THE TAMBOURINE
By Jane Gardam
Sinclair-Stevenson, £13.95

Jane Gardam's new novel is all told in letters. It begins brilliantly, with a series of short notes to Joan from her self-righteous neighbour Eliza: "I think you ought to try to forget about your leg. I believe that it is something psychological, psychomatic, and it is very hard on Charles . . . Do make a big try. Won't you? Life is a wonderful thing, Joan. I have discovered this great fact in my work with the Dying."

Eliza's smug letters about her work with the Dying, and Joan's alleged malingering and personal inadequacies, are very funny. The setting is plushly prosperous Rathbone Road in Putney. Eliza is married to Henry, a retired diplomat. The unsatisfactory Joan is married to Charles, a senior civil servant. The reader murmurs "Social comedy!" with mild anticipation.

But it's not quite like that. Joan disappears to foreign parts, abandoning her husband and children. Eliza's letters follow her, getting longer, and less like letters than confessional journal entries. Eliza is not complacent. She is terrified. Her husband leaves her — because, they tell her, she talked too much at dinner parties about "things outside her sphere", such as politics, embarrassing him. It transpires that her work with the Dying is only a matter of loading the dishwasher at the hospice. Eliza acknowledges she is shallow, bossy, unstable: "My mind has no abiding place."

The novel is a meditation on the suffering of rich, educated, middle-class women who have been dutiful wives or mothers, and are washed up in middle-age with no love and not enough to do. Eliza's increasingly disturbed letters introduce us in episodic fashion to other wives on the road — rather too many of them to keep track of. Each has her way of managing. The younger ones find hectic meaning to their lives in raising their families — a meaning that does not last, since the children go away and cease to care. The most successful survivors form a tribe, with glossy clothes, gleaming houses, serious interests and complex social lives. Their ageing husbands are either dim supportive figures or absent, having it off with younger women.

Women who survive, says the wise woman of the tribe, do so better than men because "our physical lives are so dramatic". Eliza's sorrow is that there has been no physical drama. She is childless, unused. Her way of managing, it becomes apparent, is to go mad. Just how mad she is is only apparent in the double twist of the ending.

She is redeemed by her loving friendship with a young man dying of Aids in the hospice, and by a more bullish attitude to marriage: "We were Oxbridge-trained geisha girls and I was a very good one. And I was worth something better." Joan's disappearance now seems "a brave defection". But Eliza may go on being mad. She says in her last letter, "Some survive and some do not."

Jane Gardam can't write a bad book. Her vignettes of the women of Rathbone Road and their lives are astute, funny and touching. She invents (I hope he's invented) a really foul doctor: "Menopause going all right? Everything drying up nicely?" There is a reined-in feminism here, and a dig at the more assertive kind: a young husband rushing off to hospital to witness the birth of his child says of his wife, "She's pretty feminist you know — she doesn't believe in doing things by herself."

MARK GERSON

Jane Gardam with a beady social comedy and tragedy about the way women live now

Yet you're left with a muddy, unsatisfied feeling. This is partly because Eliza the letter-writer, whose visions and fantasies deceive both herself and the reader, seems in more than one sense immaterial. And there seems little reason to expend sympathy on these expensive women. Sure, a woman can be as unhinged and miserable in a detached des res as in a slum, and everyone has a void within that must be filled. Maybe Gardam's pleasure in the social comedy inhibits her from making the pain too real. The muddy feeling comes from an uncertainty of tone. She approaches and veers away from the one potentially horrific incident that would have made her story black and solid, instead of mauve-grey.

Eliza declares she could never write a book: "There are dozens of novels spewed forth, most of them tripe and all the poor authors thinking they've started out on an immortal career." *The Queen of the Tambourine* is not tripe. But Eliza's self-doubt has infected her creator, or reflects some passing loss of nerve.

We'll go once more a roving, George

Antonia Bremner

BYRON
A Novel
By Sigrid Combüchen
Translated by Joan Tate
Heinemann, £14.99

THE STAND-IN
By Deborah Moggach
Heinemann, £14.99

THE FAR CORNERS OF THE EARTH
By Andrew Sinclair
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

ON A dark summer night in 1938, some members of the Byron Society took hammer and chisel and opened the family vaults in Hucknall Torkard, Nottinghamshire, removing the body of Byron, where it had lain embalmed since his death in 1824. The corpse was weighed and measured, a lock of hair sheared off, the club foot examined. So far so true, until the names and professions of the plundering admirers are revealed — Link, a Nottingham dentist; Cohn, a shopkeeper; Eric Watson, philanderer; Hazell, Byronist — and fiction starts to dictate the facts.

Deborah Moggach on screen

In **Byron: A Novel** Mrs Combüchen uses the 1930s setting to assemble a series of tableaux of Byron biography, confirming that figure's enduring enigma. To mark the 150th anniversary of his birth, each member of the Byron Society presents to the others his own interpretation of part of the poet's life — the incestuous relationship with his half-sister Augusta; the scandal raised by his wife, Annabella Millbanke; his travels; his summer with the Shelleys; his death.

Contrary to expectations, the contrivance works well. Inevitably when flitting between two periods of history, one emerges with more conviction. If Byron had never lived, his myth merely the stuff of someone's imagination, his story would be hard to credit — all that sodomy and incest, brilliant poetry and whimsical womanising, the strange physique coupled with those brooding good looks. But here, switching from a fictional (and unappealing) 1930s to the well-documented early 1800s, it is Byron's times which validate the superplot.

Napoleon has haemorrhoids, and Byron emerges — like most biographised Hollywood heroes — an unstatuesque 5ft 6in, but it is not by means of demeaning personal detail that the legend breathes life. Rather, it is the imagination with which Mrs Combüchen presents Byron, frustrated by composition, throwing an inkwell out of the window and staining a statue on the terrace below. Cluttered with colour and history from several countries, this long, intensely written Euro-novel (translated from the Swedish) needs time, and an acquaintance with the life and works to be truly enjoyable.

In **The Stand-In** Deborah Moggach develops an ingenious, prince and pauper theme for a novel about jealousy and obsession. Her leading lady is Jules, a still hopeful actress, who lives by doing voice-overs and school workshops and lives for the unlikely Trev. By chance she's offered a job as stand-in for Lila Dune, a blonde American movie star famed for her huge blue eyes, kiss-me mouth and dizzy mind. A stand-in is used to prepare the technical and lighting movements on a film set, and must therefore be of near-identical height, build and colouring as the star. It is this gap, this state of Jules being so near yet so far from Lila's celebrity, that Moggach chillingly exploits.

Jules scripts for herself a sad plot of slander, betrayal and murder — and for the reader an unexpected psychological thriller. One reads for the story rather than for any felicity of expression. In fact, one reads for the film version: the characters are largely unappealing, often close to caricature, their lines requiring subtle delivery. But the difference between life in Britain and in America, between life on a film set and in real life is well handled.

The idea behind Andrew Sinclair's projected "Empire Quartet", of which **The Far Corners of the Earth** is the first part, is also appealing. Making fiction of family history, he traces the clan Sinclair from their clearance from the Highlands in the 19th century to their dispersal to the Himalayan glens of India and the new Scotland — Nova Scotia — of Canada. Like other crofters forced to make way for sheep and deer, Hamish, Hannah and their seven children flee to the seashore to work on the kelp. Two sons join Highland regiments and fight in the Crimea and the Indian mutiny. One daughter works in a duchess's household; the rest of the family is shipwrecked on the voyage to Canada; the survivors struggle in the newfound land.

The danger of projected sagas is that the scheme wins over the human interest. This story is simultaneously abbreviated and action-packed, laden with welcome facial detail and Gaelic vocabulary. On two occasions, a Sinclair meets and marries someone within two pages. One can almost sense the author's anxiety in accounting for another member putting down roots, as he adds another branch to his family tree. His scope is so far-ranging, with much emotion to draw upon, that one wishes that he had been more indulgent.

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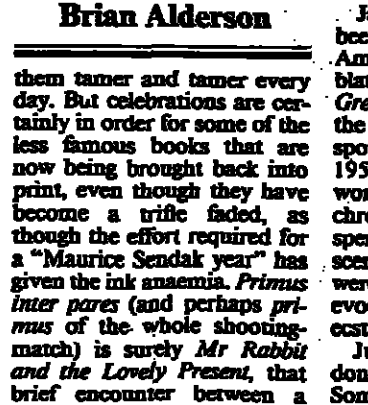

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1991, says The Bodley Head, is to be "the year of Maurice Sendak". They do not have a reason for this, unless it be to celebrate the 28th anniversary of his most famous book, **Where the Wild Things Are**, and the whole exercise is probably prompted by the current shake-outs, cut-backs and retrenchments in the publishing industry. What better in times of dearth than to re-promote your bestsellers?

Mr Sendak is being revived for us in two stages. This April sees the reprinting of *Wild Things* and its eccentric successor **In the Night Kitchen**, together with three picture books that were based on other people's texts: **The Moon Jumpers** by Janice May Udry (*£7.99*), **Mr Rabbit and the Lovely Present** by Charlotte Zolotow (*£5.95*) and that wonderfully fanciful dramatisation of two very short nursery rhymes, **Hector Protector and As I Went Over the Water** (*£7.99*). Later in the year five more books will be reissued, including that early, self-assured masterpiece **The Sign on Rosie's Door**, and that late self-indulgent puzzle **Outside Over There**.

Quite enough has been said, and even sung, about these books which Sendak has written and illustrated himself. The extensive merchandising of *Wild Things* is making them tamer and tamer every day. But celebrations are certainly in order for some of the less famous books that are now being brought back into print, even though they have become a trifle faded, as though the effort required for a "Maurice Sendak year" has given the ink anaemia. *Primus inter pares* (and perhaps *primus* of the whole shooting-match) is surely *Mr Rabbit and the Lovely Present*, that brief encounter between a little girl seeking a birthday present for her mama and a strange androgynous rabbit, who takes her on a now somewhat bleached colour-journey among fruits, flowers and other suitable gifts.

This remains one of Sendak's most perfectly judged pieces of colour illustration, his "homage to Winslow Homer" — an idyll that contrasts sharply with the graphic wit of *Hector Protector*, which was his "homage to Randolph Caldecott". Both books are wonderfully rewarding for anyone who likes reading, chanting, or just looking with children, and I am only sorry that more has not been made of their companion, *The Moon Jumpers*, which is one of Sendak's most intriguing experiments.

Janice May Udry's text has been exactly described by an American critic as "lyrical blather" — a latterday *Echoing Green* with children baying at the moon. But Sendak's response to this, way back in 1959, was to illustrate Udry's words with simple monochrome washes, and to intersperse the page-openings with scenes in subdued colour that were almost magical in their evocation of the children's ecstasy in the moonlit garden.

Justice, alas, has not been done to this haunting book. Some pictures now appear to be bathed in sunshine rather than moonlight, and, what is worse, the monochrome illustrations have been edited out, save for a plant or two and an old frog. Retrenchment would here seem to have taken place with a vengeance, but even in this state *The Moon Jumpers*, alongside its companion volumes, shows how Sendak outdoes at all points the mundane level of achievement of so many of his contemporaries. What we want now, if you please Bodley Head, is *The Bee-man of Orn* and *The Griffin and the Minor Canon* — and why not publish the first ever English edition of *Schoolmaster Whackwell's Wonderful Sons?*

Private eyes change sex

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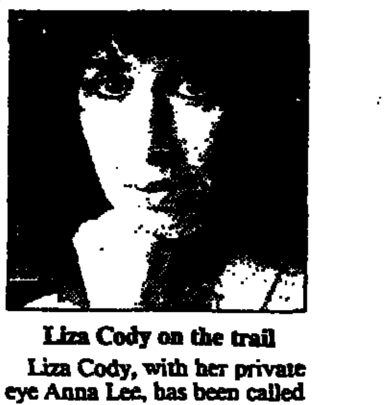
THE private eye novel which came into its own in the Twenties and Thirties was very much a product of American culture. This saw the lone hero waging a war against the forces of evil, a white knight bearing the standard of truth and justice in a sleazy world of police and political corruption, of dishonest time-servers endlessly on the make, and of grasping petty officialdom. In the last ten years a new twist has been added. The private eye has become female.

Sara Paretsky is the Raymond Chandler of the female private eye novel. Her heroine, V.I. Warszawski, battles her way through Chicago's threatening streets fighting the greed, murder and corruption which she daily encounters. At once compassionate and ruthless, V.I. pursues to the end single-handed campaigns against those who would casually ruin her beloved city for their own ugly ambitions.

Burn Marks is Paretsky's best novel to date, not only because the plot is beautifully contrived, the dialogue gritty and funny (though occasionally lapsing towards the sentimental) but also because the reader is enmeshed in a richly devised morality tale, where the little people pit themselves against apparently all-powerful enemies whom they defeat, but as this is the late 20th century, only just, and then not completely. The setting is the construction industry, where huge profits can be made so long as nothing is allowed to stand in the way. V. I.'s seedy and importunate Aunt Elena, burnt out of her cheap hotel, turns up in a tearfully alcoholic state on her doorstep. This unwelcome visitation precipitates V. I.'s reluctant involvement in a world where seemingly honest politicians make shady deals and corrupt developers buy them for their own ends. Gripping.



Liza Cody on the trail

Liza Cody, with her private eye Anna Lee, has been called the Sara Paretsky of British crime. There is, however, a difference of approach and style. Even though Anna Lee works on her own, she is part of an organisation and has to take orders from her mean-spirited boss. At the same time, Cody's world is less violent, less dramatic, even less overtly corrupt — perhaps reflecting the Englishness of the setting. In **Dupe**, her first crime novel, Anna Lee sets out to discover the truth behind the death of a lonely, secretive girl who turns out to be different from what others around her had imagined. In **Bad Company** Anna finds herself mistakenly kidnapped by an unknown mob, and it is her colleagues who race to rescue her. Her plots are less complex. But Cody has Paretsky's kind of sharp sense of humour, and the same ability to present the intricate face of her own city, London.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Yet there is method in it

Geoff Brown on Mel Gibson in *Hamlet*; *Freedom is Paradise*, *War Party* and (below) *Riff-Raff*

Alas poor Shakespeare? Mel Gibson, in the title role of Franco Zeffirelli's film of *Hamlet*, face to face with the skull of his old friend, Yorick

So how does Mad Max cope with the Mad Dane? An A for effort, at least. In preparation for Franco Zeffirelli's **Hamlet** (U, Odeon Haymarket), Mel Gibson's Australian vowels were ruthlessly massaged by a voice trainer; now he enunciates with the unreal clarity of a speaking clock. Still, you can always grasp the man's meaning: he shapes and projects Shakespeare's verse (or what remains after Zeffirelli's scissors have cut their swath) with consistent intelligence.

The contours of Gibson's pin-up face are deliberately smudged by a beard, moustache, and close-cropped hair, though the blue eyes flash their usual magic. He mounts the soliloquies without fear, and, barring a tendency to rant and roll his eyes when excited, acquits himself well. His swordplay dances with force and wit. He is grave, anguished, tender, playful: all the things Hamlet should be. Yet, though Mel Gibson is never for one moment bad, almost everybody else in the cast is better. And for all his effort we never get under this Hamlet's skin; he remains Mel, Prince of Hollywood, embarked on a worthy exercise.

As with his *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Taming of the Shrew* films in the Sixties, Zeffirelli's mission is to bring the Bard — kicking and screaming if need be — before young, untutored audiences. Gibson is certainly the star to pull them in; and for those with brief attention spans, the script, prepared by Zeffirelli and Christopher De Vore, forges constant short-cuts to Shakespeare's highlights. There is no Fortinbras, no opening battlement scene, no words of advice to the players: everything is over within two hours and 15 minutes.

Only the dustiest academic would rage over the lacunae: the director's task was to deliver a dynamic film, not a sacred relic. If anything, Zeffirelli is too timid. Gertrude's sexual temperature is raised to suit the spiky Glenn Close (note the impassioned grapplings in the closet scene); otherwise, the interpretations are tried and true. Here is Claudius, the pleasure-seeking King (Alan Bates); here is pottering, crafty Polonius (Ian Holm, pottering a mite too much); here is Ophelia (Helen Bonham Carter), sweetly waifish one minute, hollow-eyed with lunacy the next. Best of all, here is the Ghost: Paul Scofield invests the role with a depth of despair that takes the film, however briefly, way beyond the dull realm of competence. Visually, *Hamlet* offers another mixed bag. For exteriors, Zeffirelli draws on three British castles, melded together; as photographed by David Watkin, the setting easily looks cold and imprisoning enough to be Elsinore. Once characters step through the giant doors, they emerge into Shepperton Studios. Individual design details please: Hamlet delivers his "fishmonger" taunts perched on a library shelf, forcing Polonius to mount a ladder, which Hamlet impishly pushes away. But too often sets appear over-dressed, with ugly items that obstinately resemble cheap stage props. By filming *Hamlet*, Zeffirelli and Mel Gibson are treading in famous footsteps: Olivier's and, in silent days, Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson's and Sarah Bernhardt's (in 1900).

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Ninety-one years later, Mel Gibson's Hamlet appears decent, slick, easily digestible: a fast-food Hamlet for the moment, without the stature to make it a Hamlet for the ages.

Characters in the powerful Soviet film **Freedom is Paradise** (12, Renoir) are society's cast-offs: delinquents, tucked away in a boarding school whose harsh regime prepares them for their probable adult destination — prison. The hero, played with sullen gravity by a 13-year-old handful called Volodya Kozyrev, escapes to make the huge trek from Soviet central Asia to Archangel in the far north, where his father serves a long prison sentence. Despite the title, the lad finds little sign of paradise on the road: just world-weary faces, scraping a living by fair or foul means, and a few small kindnesses. The writer-director Sergei Bodrov, born in Khabarovsk, in the Soviet Union's far eastern corner, never knew his own father until he was 30; he makes the meeting between questing son and long-lost father the emotional highpoint. Elsewhere, Bodrov paints a bleak portrait of Gorbachov's Soviet Union (the film was made in 1989): drab lives, class divisions, constant subservience to the state police.

At first the narrative is compressed too tightly (the film lasts 75 minutes) but once Bodrov's hero begins his trek north the scenes expand, the images blossom, and the desolate story of an urchin at large in a loveless world grips the audience by the throat. For those worried about value for money, *Freedom is Paradise* is supported by Irene Jouannet's *Finale*, a precious, 14-minute French short inspired by an incident in Nijinsky's long mental decline.

Shot in 1987, released in America in 1989: Franc Roddam's **War Party** (18, Cannon Haymarket) has taken its time. The film emerges after *Dances With Wolves* pushed Native Americans and their plight high up in the public consciousness. *War Party* — no preening epic this, but watchable screen fodder — offers a contemporary variation. During a re-enacted battle between Indians and cavalry, staged to boost a depressed Montana town, a hot-headed white settles an old score by shooting an Indian youth dead. This launches a spiral of violence and racist attacks; with blood on their hands, the dead Indian's pals head for the hills and rediscover their ethnic identity.

War Party makes a stab at grappling with Indian culture, and gathers authentic Native Americans to support brat-packers Billy Wirth and Kevin Dillon. Yet this is basically a pursuit movie in disguise: the lads retreat, a posse sets out, a helicopter is brought down (with bow and arrow), an Indian is scalped, and so it goes on.

It is staged with little of the fire Roddam brought to *Quadrophenia* in 1979. But that — the director's first feature — was meant to shake the earth; this, pretensions aside, is just meant to pass the time.

Salty talk peppers the rough trade

For anyone dismayed by the aridity of Ken Loach's last two films, **Riff-Raff** — receiving its premiere run at the National Film Theatre over the next 12 days — will seem the answer to a Maiden's Prayer, *writes Geoff Brown.*

Where *Fatherland* and *Hidden Agenda* bogged themselves down in schematic scripts, *Riff-Raff*, made on the lowliest of budgets (see David Robinson's interview with Loach, below), jangles with prickly reality. The camera adopts a "fly on the wall" stance, eavesdropping on a London building-site crew.

In place of dour tub-thumping, there is that rare Loach ingredient, comedy: one scene, where a burly scouse is caught short using the show-flat lavatory, could have strayed from the *Carry On* stable. The torrent of cross-talk never smacks of the typewriter, nor the blue pencil: this is not the film for those who like to put doilies on life.

Loach's militancy remains. The opening shot thrusts before us a crumpled NHS prescription leaflet and a scurrying rat: the labourers, drawn to London from across the country in the hunt for jobs, are converting a disused hospital into luxury flats which they could never afford themselves. Many have no homes at all: they are squatters. Yet the late Bill Jesse's salty script roots the political anger in direct observation. The plot's main thread features a quiet Glaswegian fresh from prison who joins the gang and attempts a relationship with a would-be singer. Carlyle's accent could get southern audiences screaming for subtitles. But it is a price worth paying for the raw authenticity of this funny, abrasive front-line report from the bottom of society's ladder. In May, *Riff-Raff* represents Britain in the Cannes Film Festival's "Director's Fortnight" slot.

Bawdy eye on a building site

Ken Loach tells **David Robinson** about the singular scriptwriter of his latest film

Robert Carlyle playing the Glaswegian ex-convict Stevie in *Riff-Raff*, scripted by the late Bill Jesse

The film *Riff-Raff* (see review, above) remains the only substantial memorial of a comic writer of large but wayward talent. Had Bill Jesse had the opportunity to discipline his exuberant gifts, he might have been a Scottish Brendan Behan, albeit more abstemious.

"As it is, I think every literary agent in London has three or four of his scripts," says Ken Loach, the director of *Riff-Raff*. "He had been writing for years, compulsively. He would have an idea on Wednesday and by Sunday he would have finished a hundred pages, all meticulously typed. He had a gift for dialogue and for character, but unfortunately a very loose sense of structure. Marvellous things were always buried. A few directors, like Dick Lester and Lindsay Anderson, had taken an interest in him, but script editors were simply defeated trying to give form to his writing."

A Glaswegian, Jesse was an early school leaver, and did all sorts of manual work. When Loach met him he was a building site labourer, but writing for comedy shows. One of his plays had been produced at the Soho Poly. "I met him through a contact at Central Television," Loach recalls. "We made each other laugh, or at least he made me laugh. He was a wonderful story-teller, with a riotous and bawdy sense of humour.

"At work on the building sites, I don't think he was as talkative as the characters he creates. For one thing he was much older than most of the other labourers. He was more an observer, with a remarkably shrewd eye.

"He read, I think, but he was not consciously political, apart from an instinctive class loyalty. He did not look like a labourer. He was very fastidious about his appearance — trousers pressed, quite dapper, even though he was hard up."

After a particularly horrendous encounter with rats on a building site in Marylebone High Street, Jesse could take no more and wrote to Loach, asking him to get him out of it. David Puttnam, who was then heading production at Columbia, was easily persuaded to commission a script which became *Riff-Raff*.

"Within a week he produced a script — without any structure, of course. We would take out a few sequences and use them, and then he would go off and write some more. That is how the script was built up.

"After David left Columbia, Channel 4 picked up the project. The budget was small: we shot the film in five weeks, on 16mm. Working on a small budget concentrates the mind. When you know you have to get a couple of long sequences in by the end of the day you don't get too preoccupied with things that really are not important. You get an energy going.

"Bill was on the set all the time, and then sat through the editing. He enjoyed it. Writers can be a nuisance when it comes to the actual filming, but he was easy to have around. He laughed at everybody else's jokes, and was always delighted if somebody contributed some bit of improvisation to the script. Most of the actors had had similar working experience in manual jobs.

"We had already edited the film and were working on the dubbing when Bill Jesse died. It was quite mysterious. He was simply found dead in his flat. He was only 48."

Loach continues: "His view was comic but very savage. Unfortunately Jesse wrote about people who are not very fashionable, working people. Someone with a similar talent who decided to depict the young and rich would be taken up at once.

"In *Riff-Raff*, though, we set out to do something about work and about what workers call 'the crack' — the humour and repartee that keep them going, however awful the conditions and the oppressive hierarchies of building sites. It is a release — an affirmation of company and comradeship and support against the common enemy.

"People are generally seen to much greater advantage at work than in the bosom of their family. Bill appreciated that."

LONDON CONCERTS

Fully persuaded without reason

In the disconcerting event that I find myself on a desert island with nothing but a gramophone and a few choice musical moments for company, I shall certainly hope that the cymbal clash of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony is among them. Not the entire gargantuan symphony: life is short, even on a desert island. Just that cymbal clash, the tinkle from the triangle player that accompanies it, and the glorious Adagio that surrounds it.

Why? Because it is irrational, extravagant, arguably unnecessary — and utterly heartwarming. So it would serve to remind me of what the art I left behind is all about.

There is no rationality in making two skilled musicians sit motionless for 80 minutes in order to play one note each. Especially the triangle player: the cymbal wielder can at least flesh out his performance with a few extrovert twirls of wrists and forearms. It certainly is not economical. An accountant would chop them, particularly if he knew what some scholars believe: that Bruckner never actually approved this cymbal clash. Most accountants do not know this, thank goodness: they already have enough say in running the music business.

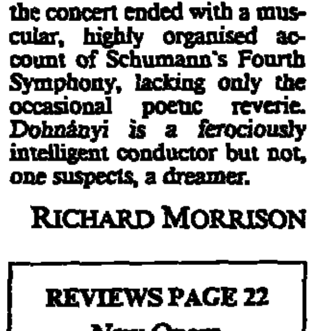
Conductors, who do know, realise that this great movement — which rises on waves of noble sequences from tragedy to something approaching transcendental triumph — demands, at its peak, the sheer physicality of metal clashing metal. Man cannot live by strings and woodwind alone. This is music's equivalent of a scoring footballer's exultant punch in the air.

In the Festival Hall on Monday that moment, and what followed, certainly spoke in heroic terms. Bernard Haitink's marvellous interpretation, which managed to combine a sense of spaciousness and long-term purpose with moments of high drama, was the more remarkable for being achieved with an orchestra, the **Dresden Staatskapelle**, that hardly dazzled with technique. The wind sections were not especially well blended; the strings beefy but only intermittently shimmering.

Indeed, the stolid performance of Mozart's "Haffner" Symphony that preceded the Bruckner had raised forebodings. But then Haitink seemed to grip the performers in the fist made by his own vision and intense concentration, as so often happens when he is unshackled from Covent Garden and allowed to roam the epic symphonic fields that are his natural terrain. The way in which his subtle speed variations and mature, non-sensational approach benefit the flow of Bruckner's vast paragraphs is easy to fathom. But how this seemingly placid Dutchman, exuding reason and moderation, can suddenly inject such searing anger into, of all things, a lugubrious passage for Wagner tubas that is a wonderful mystery, and long may it continue to be so.

On the following night this unofficial celebration of Austro-Germanic heavyweights continued with an orchestra on much classier form: the **London Philharmonic**, responding superbly to the sophisticated demands of **Christoph von Dohnányi**. This was a courageous programme: to open a Festival Hall concert with the sparse cries and whispers of Webern's ten-minute Symphony, Op 21, is — in audience-stirring terms — like attempting to set fire to damp leaves.

But the orchestra overcame an initial tentativeness (no music exposes individual players so cruelly) and later produced a vividly characterised, immaculately precise account of Schoenberg's Five Orchestral Pieces. Emanuel Ax glided elegantly through Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto, and the concert ended with a muscular, highly organised account of Schumann's Fourth Symphony, lacking only the occasional poetic reverie. Dohnányi is a ferociously intelligent conductor but not, one suspects, a dreamer.



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Small step, giant leap

Bernard Levin

Our Science Editor has been discussing methods of sending a manned space-ship to Mars. The chief problem has hitherto been the length of the journey, but now an American scientist has worked out a technique which, he says, would cut the travel time from 500 days to 150. (That, I may say, was roughly what British Rail promised for the Advanced Passenger Train.) The technicalities are beyond me, but that does not matter, because I think it unlikely that the people in charge will ask me to drive; ladies and gentlemen, we are all going to Mars. I am looking forward to it.

"By heaven, it were an easy leap To pluck bright honour from the palefac'd moon": how much more daring will it be when men stand upon Mars himself, and when they go, leave behind, I trust, words as simple and moving as the plaque left by the lunar astronauts: "We came in peace for all mankind." It was inevitable that when the moon was conquered the conquerors would turn their attention to the next nearest heavenly body.

It is not altogether clear to me why Mars is the epitome of war; his name, in different forms, goes back long before the Romans — not just to the Greeks, to whom he was Ares (*their* war-god), but Babylonia. Were there, five millennia ago, eyes so sharp that they could see the colour of Mars and think it the colour of blood?

The fascination with Mars, at least in modern times, is much greater than the homage paid to Jupiter, or (shame!) even Venus, despite her braided hair, but I do not think that is because we are so in love with war; surely it is the tantalising wonder induced by the experts's inability to rule out the possibility of recognisable life on the mysterious planet. There is some tenuous evidence: for instance the mysterious "canals" that some astronomers claim are man-made (or rather Green-Thing-made), and the extraordinary coincidence (if indeed it is one) that has given Mars a day almost exactly the same as Earth's.

The orbit of Mars is scandalously irregular; the nearest it gets to Earth is 35 million miles, the furthest is seven times as much. It was that astonishing man Kepler who in 1609 worked out the orbit of Mars and in doing so polished off Ptolemy for good. (Mind you, that even more astonishing man Galileo the very next year spotted the fact that Mars is not precisely round.) Mars is much smaller than Earth, and its weight, according to the experts, is only one tenth that of our planet ("Who hath measured the ground?"). He has two faithful followers — satellites is the official word — called Deimos and Phobos; from the latter we get the word phobia.

Early observation noticed the phenomenon of what are known as the polar caps (it is not clear that what we see is snow or ice) which wax and wane with remarkable frequency, though the experts insist that the four seasons on Mars are all of much the same length. The Mariner space-probes encouraged further speculation, although the only effect of the photographs they transmitted was to split the many fiercely-held theories into even more theories, no less fiercely held. It is agreed that there are volcanoes on Mars, not necessarily extinct.

The worship of Mars by the Romans was no mere formality; altars, shrines and temples were dedicated to him. He watched over the sacred spears, and the priest of his cult had to interpret the fall of the spears; if they moved before he was called to arms, it was a sinister omen. (I take it I do not have to tell you where we get sinister from?) His emblem was a wolf; presumably chosen as the fiercest animal, thus fitting the god of war. He is also supposed to have been the father of Romulus, who founded Rome.

Mars was elevated to the highest plane of deity by Augustus, though I seem to remember that Augustus was by no means reluctant to establish himself as an object of worship. (Does anybody know why Mars Bars are so called?)

The best thing I know about the idea of sending men to Mars is that the project has no possible use. There was some suggestion, during the decade-long countdown of the Apollo project ("God of the golden bow, and of the golden lyre, and of the golden hair, and of the golden fire . . .") that it would give the West a powerful weapon; presumably throwing nuclear hardware from outer space would be more effective. But such talk faded away, and apart from considerations of prestige (not to be sneezed at in our prestige-loving era) it fulfilled only the famous answer to the famous question: Because it was there.

All the more so will be the flight to Mars, though while the project is going on somebody is sure to claim that there could be useful elements in the Martian soil, so we can profitably mine uranium from it, or diamonds, or even coal, which at least would be one in the eye for Arthur Scargill. But in truth, as anyone with imagination will realise, the project has no purpose other than to demonstrate the astounding visions that mankind is capable of summoning up. Of course we yearn to find a race of little green men on Mars, with a civilisation far beyond ours, but we may leave that kind of longing to science-fiction; the thought that induces the catch in the breath is simply that one day, men will stand on the red planet.

What would Archimedes say? Or Galileo? Housman says:

Here are the skies, the planets seven,
And all the starry train:
Content you with the mimic heaven,
And on the earth remain.

But that will not do for most of us; on wings of imagination, we already think ourselves on Mars. And what are we thinking there, as we survey the universe from that uncanny vantage-point? Depend upon it; we are wondering how long it will be till we stand on Jupiter himself.

Is Operation Safe Haven more than a face-saver for the West? Two Times writers assess the daunting military challenge and the grim outlook facing the refugees

Succour the Kurds but don't get sucked in

President Bush's decision to send troops to set up refugee camps inside Iraq creates dangers potentially as great as those of the Gulf war itself. Iraq has already denounced the plan as unwarranted interference in its internal affairs. Allied military commanders will need precise instructions to guide them through a confusing situation.

Washington and its supporters in the relief work cannot be seen to bow to Saddam's objections, but must be clear on what is involved. At the very least the relief forces will have to be armed for self-defence; possibly allied air forces may have to be used to prevent Iraqi military intervention.

At all costs we must avoid any military involvement in Iraq's civil war, one-sided though it is. Our activities must be confined first to protecting our servicemen engaged in the operations and second to protecting the Kurds — in that order. Precise limitations for the relief operation and clear rules of engagement should any confrontation result will be essential. However, the force will benefit greatly from United Nations endorsement and would be helped further if the Arab allies of the Gulf coalition could be induced to offer even token help.

At present about 8,000 American troops are in Turkey supporting relief efforts; between 5,000 and 10,000 are expected to move into northern Iraq to set up refugee camps. A vital role in that difficult terrain is being played by helicopters, including Chinooks of the Royal Air Force. Three are already in the area and six more are due tomorrow.

The operation can be divided into four parts. The first stage, only now getting under way, must be to deliver the food, tents and medical help to enable the refugees at least to move back into Iraq. A second stage, now in preparation, will be to arrange reception areas above the 36th parallel. The third step will be to persuade the Kurds to return to their own homes. Lastly, substantial help will be needed in many areas to rebuild the Kurdish villages that have been destroyed.

Taken together, these aid operations call for a lengthy commitment of military transport aircraft and helicopters, both within the border area and into the airfields of northern Iraq. They will also demand the skills, the ingenuity and some of the equipment of army field engineers, and we can expect these professionals to form a substantial part of the British contribution.

It will not be an easy task. Simply controlling the leaderless numbers involved is daunting enough. Roads must be cleared after the winter rains, camps have to be set up and controlled, and the whole effort must be coordinated. The task will be made easier by the existence of good military communications, by the speed with which helicopters in particular can react to a flight order, even in the mountains, and not least by the weather. The often freezing temperatures of winter rise to an average of 80°F in Mosul in June. More than 120° has been recorded in July and August.

Looking beyond the immediate difficulties, there is still the problem of the Kurdish refugees on the Iranian border, below the 36th parallel. At least the border seems to be open, but eventually the question of resettling these populations will also need to be addressed. Further still into the future there are two concerns. The first is that the temporary line along the 36th parallel might take on the kind of permanence associated with the 38th parallel in Korea. The second concern, though the issue is entangled with that of genocide, is what might be construed as interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state. The precedent could be a source of future embarrassment for the UN as a whole, or for some of its members in particular. But that cannot be predicted any more than the present human disaster could be predicted, and the important thing right now is action.

Michael Armitage

Sir Michael is a former Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

We can only grieve and hope

Saddam Hussein has won the war in Iraq, with the acquiesence of the allies. There will be time later for general reflections on that bitter truth. What is urgent now is to save as many as can still be saved from among the peoples of Iraq who were encouraged by the allies to rise up against Saddam, and who are consequently in mortal danger.

John Major deserves some credit for his unexpected success in persuading President Bush to accept a limited version of his plan for safe havens. The Kurdish refugees will now be able to come down from those ghastly mountains to somewhat more tolerable conditions. But they have no future in the kind of haven at present on offer, except as refugees. Those who are now children might reach old age in refugee camps.

Having decided to leave Saddam in control of Iraq, the allies will have to encourage the refugees to return to their towns and villages and accept the bitter reality of his rule. The kind of havens Mr Major originally proposed would have allowed the refugees to return to their homes under allied protection, but Mr Bush has agreed only to havens for refugees: that is, to security in misery and stagnation.

Had she remained in power, Mrs Thatcher might have been able to persuade Mr Bush to accept the original plan for havens with a future. More probably, she could have averted the premature cessation of hostilities that left Saddam in power in Baghdad. But might-have-beens are no help now.

The allies are not yet altogether powerless in Iraq, although their power wanes with every day that passes. Economic leverage remains. Therefore it is in Saddam's interest to appear to be magnanimous, and no doubt he will do his best to appear so. That means allowing the Kurds to return to their homes, and making it look as though they had no real reason to leave them in the first place. The allies — because of their past decisions — have no alternative but to go along with this in a general way, but our economic leverage makes it possible for us to set certain conditions.

Saddam will readily accept the presence of humanitarian agencies under the auspices of the United Nations and the Red Cross. But that is not enough. It is paradoxical but true that it is in the nature of humanitarian agencies to turn a blind eye to atrocities. In order to get on with helping *most* of the people, they are prepared to forget what is happening to *some* of the people. They may protest — or rather "express concern" — in private, but in public they will draw a veil over any unpleasantness that is going on. They need, after all, the cooperation of the authorities on the spot in order to do their work.

So access for the humanitarian agencies is not enough. The allies should use their economic leverage to ensure that the international media also have full access to the areas in northern and southern Iraq where the humanitarian aid is most needed.

This seems to be about the best — and a sorry best it is — that can now be done. Out of sight of the media, Saddam will still wreak his vengeance on as many of his enemies as he can catch. Kurdish leaders have promised to keep up the guerrilla war. In crushing the guerrillas, Saddam will engage in collective reprisals as before. The media can keep an eye on the main towns, but they will not reach most of the villages, and much of the terror will escape their scrutiny. Iraq will remain the domain of a tyrant. But that is the way the allies have decided it *is* to be. Iraqis will have to live with the consequences, as best they can.

So will others. As the allied forces return home, Saddam Hussein stands as a towering figure in the Middle East, and in Mr Bush's new world order he is among the most conspicuous features.

Thirty-five years ago, Nasser was a hero to the Arab world, after surviving military defeat at the hands of the Anglo-French-Israeli coalition; but Nasser's achievement was as nothing as compared with Saddam's. In his day, Nasser had both superpowers on his side. Saddam had both superpowers *against* him and survived their wrath. He had, almost literally, the whole world against him, and he remains master of Iraq. Is it any wonder if he is a hero figure to millions of Arab youngsters?

Folk memory is selective, in the Arab world as elsewhere. Arabs will choose to forget Saddam's expulsion from Kuwait. They will prefer to think of him as the Arab hero who withstood the awesome onslaught of the coalition armies and the United Nations, and yet remained master of Baghdad and all Iraq.

The Bush administration decided during the war to liberate Kuwait that Saddam should remain one of the most powerful figures in the region, and that is what he will be. It is unlikely that the sanctions, or even the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction, will be rigidly enforced. People who want weapons, and are in control of oil revenues, are likely to get exactly what they want. The same "art of the possible" that led to the assiduous cultivation of Saddam before the invasion of Kuwait and that saved him after its liberation is still operative, and it points towards normalisation of relations with him.

There are limits, however, to the possibilities in that direction. The Arab allies in the war that has just ended have strong reasons to fear a restoration of Iraqi power. And Israel will strike preemptively rather than see Saddam's Iraq again acquire weapons of mass destruction. Anyone who believes that Saddam's restoration is compatible with peace and stability in the region will have to think again.

For the moment, however, the most urgent concern is that the allies should not send any further wrong signals to Saddam's unfortunate subjects. The idea of safe havens is a wrong signal for the middle and long term. In order to save what they can from the wreckage of war, the Iraqi people must be clearly told that we are leaving them to the mercy of Saddam Hussein. That is a hard message to spell out, but failure to spell it compounds the damage already done.

MAGNUM

Cold, ill and hungry: as death stalks the refugee camps, a couple strive to save their child

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

About a quarter of the taxis in the metropolis display a notice thanking you for not smoking. From the outside they look just like other taxis, and though it would make good sense for the enlightened drivers not to stop when hailed by citizens in the process of ingesting tobacco, they do. When the passenger enters, sees the notice and asks "Do you mind?", drivers tend to say "I would prefer it if you did not".

I do not smoke, nor have I ever done so; with age my aversion to tobacco has grown acute, and when I hail a taxi and it stops, I ask the driver whether his is of the thankyoufornotsmoking variety. If it is not, or the man has a cigarette in his hand, or the ashtrays bulge with butts, I apologise for having flagged him down and search for another conveyance. This infuriates the men with green badges, causing some to resort to abusive language, not infrequently involving words like Damn and Bother.

Sadly, smokers have no idea about the way non-smokers tick, many of them feeling that it is only the presence of a lighted cigarette that causes offence, whereas what we cannot tolerate is the entire concentration of fumes emanating from smokers.

Returning from South America last weekend (and returning with all my posessions except a plastic nailbrush, which I may have left in a hotel bathroom, though there could be a more sinister explanation), the plane was due for a one-hour stopover in Caracas. It remained on the ground for twice that length of time, and it is greatly to the airline's credit, though contributing little to its passengers' joy, that when we left the Venezuelan capital, the "house full" boards were up.

On the previous leg, from Aruba, I had placed on the vacant seat next to me my sponge-bag, books, notepad, box of PaperMate 2000 Ultrafine pens and Saturday's *Miami Herald*, from which I gleaned that Daytona had beaten Atlanta by 17 goals to 16 . . . at soccer. It is as perverse a result as the 2-2 draw at basketball.

When a 20-year-old Venezuelan girl asked the stewardess to escort her to seat 7D I gathered up my effects, put them in my bag, placed it under the seat in front of me and examined my fellow traveller.

She wore sneakers, jeans and a T-shirt bearing a message for which my BBC *Get By in Spanish* tapes had not prepared me. Having sat down, she greeted the man on her right, then turned to me and said "*Buenos tardes*", to which I knew the answer. She then poured the contents of her handbag into her lap, revealing combs, a brush, a bottle of pink nail-varnish, keys, wallet, a lighter and two packets of cigarillos. As we taxied along the runway she began combing her hair fiercely (combing hair is a permitted activity on a plane), after which she bit her nails (can't stop anyone doing that in public either) and tapped her heels; as we gathered speed for take-off, she crossed herself.

My eyes were drawn to her cigarettes. There will come a time, I thought to myself, to point out that this is a no-smoking part of the plane: "*Non fumare*" I would explain. Whether to interrupt hair-brushing, nailbiting or prayer was a question that I should have to think about.

I decided to wait until she was about to light up, considered that to be cruel and when I heard the landing gear retract into the undercarriage, I went into action: "*Pardon, señorita,*" I said from side 3 of *Get By in Spanish*. I had only learnt to ask for a room overlooking the sea, the address of the British consul and whether service was included in the bill, so I mumbled a few words before enunciating "*Non fumare*".

A look of alarm crossed her face.

"But you will permit me, señor?" She took the bottle of nailvarnish and spun it in her hand.

"No," I said.

The flight from Caracas to Amsterdam takes nine hours and twenty minutes. During the whole of this time the occupant of 7E slept; the one in 7D fidgeted for 20 minutes, then stepped over her somnolent neighbour to stand and smoke in some other part of the aeroplane and returned — whereupon the occupant of seat 7C, the elderly one with the beard, got up to go and find a place to stand and breathe.

Travel, it used to be said, broadens the mind. Would that were all.

THE TIMES DIARY

Cromwell routs the aesthetes

The Badminton Cabinet, which went on show at the Tate yesterday, is only one of many artistic treasures that are likely to be lost to the nation over the coming months. Works of art worth more than £36 million are sitting in limbo while the government decides whether to grant export licences. Most, the art world fears, cannot now be saved.

"The system is the fairest in the world, but there are not enough public funds available," says Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger. "We are in a puritanical era, reminiscent of when Cromwell dispersed Charles I's art collection. Many of Charles's works are now highlights of the Louvre and the Prado."

In addition to the Badminton Cabinet, at £8.6 million the world's most expensive item of furniture, the works now awaiting the recommendation of Tim Renton, the arts minister, to the trade and industry department include the world's most expensive English manuscript and the world's most expensive English painting.

"We do have rather a lot on our hands right now," says Georgina Nayler, director of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, which frequently contributes to the bill for heritage items with its £12 million grant. "But there is an air of defeatism. Museums are not coming forward because they think it's hopeless."

The sellers have a different problem. "Normally buyers from overseas will not pay for the object until the export licence is granted," says Leggatt. The Duke of Beaufort, for example, who sold the Badminton Cabinet last summer to Mrs Barbara Johnson, of Johnson and Johnson baby products, has not seen a penny of the £8.6 million, which would now have accumulated a tidy sum in interest.

Other important items in limbo include *The Three Graces* and the *Northumberland Bestiary*, a medieval encyclopaedia of animals sold by the Duke of Northumberland last November for £2.9 million. The sellers of Constable's *The Lock* are also still awaiting a decision on the £10.78 million due from a foreign buyer.

● *Irishmen are predicting an unhappy start to Peter Brooke's long-awaited inter-party political talks in Ulster, due to start on April 30. The previous day Stormont launches an environmental campaign that will hardly mollify the already suspicious Orangemen. Its title: "Go for green".*

Rolling in it

Old hippies never die, they just become capitalist fat cats. Take, for example, Jerry Hopkins, the Sixties rock 'n' roll hell-raiser who wrote the book on which Oliver Stone's new film about Jim Morrison and The Doors is based. Now a financial consultant, he is briefly in London from Honolulu, where he is advising on the development of the nascent Haiwaiian stock exchange.

"It was when my children asked why I didn't have a real job that I knew it was time to move," says Hopkins, who for many years wrote for *Rolling Stone* magazine. "Now I spend all day talking to bank presidents and stock exchange chairmen and then go home and write about rock. Neither side knows about the other."

So how does a long-haired rocker become a financial whizz-kid? "On the job, learning. I had no experience." But conversely, says Hopkins, running a stock exchange could be good training for a pop music career. "You can still occasionally dance to it, but these days rock 'n' roll is first and foremost a business." If Jim Morrison were still alive, who knows what corporate boardrooms he would have conquered by now.

Animals first

The British public has been slower to dip its hand into its pocket for the Kurds than it has for London Zoo, by all accounts. "We are dealing with sackloads of mail every day from individuals donating sums ranging from 10p Sellotaped to a card to company pledges for several thousands," says the Zoo, which estimates that more than £1 million has been pledged to date. The aid agencies, on the other hand, give a rough figure of £800,000 for the Kurds.

Desmond Morris, author of *The Naked Ape* and *The Human Zoo*, is not surprised that the animals have greater pulling power. "There is a feeling that human beings are responsible for themselves," he says. "Animals are seen as victims of human exploitation. We uprooted the animals and brought them here, and there are no other agencies working on their behalf." To produce a greater response on behalf of the Kurds, a more cynical approach is needed, Morris fears. "Pictures of suffering babies tug hardest at the heart-strings."

● *Has Marxism really been consigned to the dustbin of history? The latest issue of the British Communist party newspaper, Changes, has a small ad for the complete works of Lenin ("offers over £20") while another former hardliner offers the complete works of Stalin for £50. But even as Albania hurls out its old communist tracts, at least one government in waiting is ominously snapping them up. "African National Congress want collections of Marx, Engels and Lenin quickly," reads a third advert on the same page.*

No Nostromo

Sir David Lean's death has almost certainly torpedoed the £23 million film adaptation of the Joseph Conrad novel *Nostromo*. Lean had been planning the film since 1984 and had commissioned scripts from both Christopher Hampton and Robert Bolt, but the leisurely pace at which he had become accustomed to working meant that pre-production preparation had only just started at the Victorine studios in Nice when he was taken ill in January. Without Lean, the American studio Tristar is set to withdraw its backing, and none of the leading British companies is in a position to take on the project.

The film's insurers had insisted that Arthur Penn be hired as standby director in case Sir David was taken ill. But the clause did not become operative until production began, and Lean's untimely death renders it inoperative.

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PUTTING LIVES FIRST

John Major's call for "safe havens" for Iraq's fleeing Kurds has now been met, however provisionally, by the joint American, British and French decision to provide a military umbrella for relief operations in northern Iraq. To avert disaster, it is right to set legal niceties on one side, provided the allies stress that they have no intention of changing the map of Iraq, or generating false Kurdish hopes that their dreams of autonomy are being realised. To avoid that interpretation will be hard, however often they say they are there to save lives.

The scale of the suffering justifies the risk. The decision is a diplomatic triumph for Mr Major, and a potentially dramatic breakthrough in international cooperation. For the first time in postwar history, the humanitarian relief of a manmade disaster has been given priority over the taboo against intervention within the borders of the state creating the misery. Had Mr Major not launched his plan and refused to take no for an answer in Washington, the wretched Kurds would have been compelled to cross into Turkey and Iran before receiving help on anything like the scale required.

The logistics are formidably complicated. Not only must sites be identified in the Iraqi plains with adequate water supplies, reachable from Turkey (and Iran) over mountain passes, but Kurds weakened by hunger will have to be helped down from the mountains along protected routes. Before even the fittest of them move, they will have to be persuaded that allied forces will stay as long as is necessary to ensure their safety. Relief centres must also be created along the border with Iran, to which most Kurds have fled. The scheme fails to provide for the Shia refugees in southern Iraq, who are offered only the protection of a tiny UN observer unit within a "demilitarised zone" under Iraqi civilian control. The proposed allied troop levels put the inadequacy of that arrangement in perspective.

The allied operation in the north is still a good start — provided it has the decisive backing needed to deter Baghdad from intervening. The allies have decided not to wait on the United Nations, and in so doing have embarked on a new game of bluff with President Saddam Hussein. But they were right not to wait. This is a humanitarian enforcement operation, different in character from traditional relief. Too many Kurds would have died before a standard UN operation could have been mounted. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, insists that to carry relief into Iraq requires Baghdad's approval. That would not only hand Saddam a food-aid weapon, which he could use to herd the Kurds into "secure" villages under Iraqi control, but would in practice condemn thousands to starve.

Without military guarantees, many would have stayed in the mountains out of terror, beyond the reach of more than marginal relief operations. Airlifts can help in minor emergencies, but a land operation is indispensable to reach up to two million. Left to the UN, moreover, action inside Iraq would have had to wait on a report from Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's "fact-finding mission". And the UN is in no position to declare territory out of bounds to Iraqi troops, which now control most of the towns and cities. Saddam would be likely to ride roughshod over any veto not backed by force.

The allies stress that their action is purely humanitarian and that they intend to relinquish the task as soon as practicable to the United Nations. Some members of the UN team dispatched to Baghdad objected yesterday that the allies' action puts them on "collision course" with the UN. Señor Pérez de Cuéllar should bring these envoys to heel. Instead of carping, their job is to get Saddam to accept terms which will enable the allies to hand over to the UN, with confidence that the victims will be adequately protected.

The UN team has now been reinforced by an experienced former high commissioner for refugees, Prince Sadruddhin Aga Khan. He should drive a tough bargain with Saddam. No refugee will feel safe in areas under Baghdad's control, and the UN will only create a credible alternative if that is recognised. Humanitarian policing, with teeth, is uncharted territory for the UN. The sooner such a regime is in place — if necessary, without Baghdad's consent — the sooner the allies can relinquish the task they have begun. But they cannot settle for less.

MENACE OF DRUG WARS

Murderous gangs fighting "drug wars" and an escalation of other drug-related crime are threatening to overwhelm the police's anti-drug enforcement efforts, Lancashire's Chief Constable, Brian Johnson, told the Association of Chief Police Officers' annual drugs conference yesterday. Inevitably he called for more money and men "to combat the growing menace". But the police have been given more money and men for two decades. Has the menace stopped growing?

In 1967, after overprescription by a few GPs had caused a public outcry, the possession of heroin was effectively criminalised. Before, the drug had been legally available to registered addicts on prescription from doctors. Drug-dependency clinics were set up to prescribe methadone, a heroin substitute, often in quantities insufficient to feed an addict's habit. GPs without a licence were denied the right to prescribe heroin. The drug-users were forced onto the black market; and possession of non-prescribed heroin was still a crime. Addicts became criminals and were driven underground.

In those days, the number of registered addicts was under 3,000. Now there are probably more than 20,000 notified addicts (the basis of counting has changed, so the comparable figure has to be an estimate). But the true number of addicts is far higher, since most buy their drug on the black market. Research suggests a multiplier of at least five: that makes over 100,000 in Britain. This shocking growth has happened despite vastly increased law enforcement, both domestically and internationally.

Criminal syndicates make a fortune out of addicts. According to Mr Johnson, they are creating violent mayhem on the streets of British cities. Instead of trying and failing to catch the criminals, the answer must be to pull the market from under their feet.

Heroin abuse is unlikely ever to be eradicated altogether, any more than alcohol abuse. Dependency clinics in America and Britain accept that addiction is the same phenomenon whether the drug is caffeine, nicotine, Valium or heroin. Policy should be directed at minimising the harm addicts do both to themselves and to others.

Home Office research shows that addicts undergoing treatment are far less likely to be involved in crime. For most addicts that crime is either stealing or dealing, since few are rich enough to finance their habit out of earnings. Each addict who becomes a dealer needs to create a network of new addicts to make enough money from dealing to buy his drugs. A pyramid of addiction is formed. Were heroin to be available on prescription, the bottom would be sliced off this pyramid. The black market would virtually vanish. Young people wanting to experiment with heroin would have great trouble finding any.

Although doctors say they do not want their caring role to be replaced by one of supply, they still dole out repeat prescriptions for drugs such as barbiturates. The prescription of undoctored, NHS-grade heroin would cut the small number of deaths from abuse. Each addict could undertake to have a period of counselling every month.

The treatment would cost money. This may be harder to sell to Tory MPs than more money for drug-law enforcement. But by taking heroin out of the hands of criminals and putting it back in the hands of doctors, huge sums could be saved from the police budget — and the drug wars would end of their own accord.

CARDIFF BAY BARRIER

The Welsh Office did the decent thing yesterday and accepted parentage of the Cardiff barrage scheme. A private bill to allow a barrage across Cardiff Bay, blocked after an all-night prevarication in the Commons, will therefore return in due course as government business with the whips to drive it through.

The claimed benefits of the barrage scheme, which include turning Cardiff into one of the great cities of Europe, are large enough to make it an appropriate matter for national government. The barrage was deemed private bill business only because the legislation concerns one engineering project. But this is at the heart of an urban redevelopment scheme second only to London Docklands, with implications for the Welsh economy and infrastructure as well as for the future of Wales's capital city.

The project is strongly opposed by an alliance of environmentalists and a splinter group of Welsh Labour MPs, the former because of its impact on the habitat of wildfowl, the latter because people might make good money from it. Some 30,000 new jobs have been forecast and the scale of possible investment runs into billions of pounds — it would be surprising, indeed pointless, if profit were not the incentive. Officially, Labour supports the barrage.

Cardiff, like Liverpool and other once-great ports, has a problem finding its commercial identity. Cardiff's coastal position on the estuaries of the Taff and Ely rivers turned the city into the port for the heavy industry of the Welsh valleys. Now the valleys are quiet, the docks are unused and the Cardiff Bay area is a clutter of dereliction, struggling to emerge into post-industrial prosperity on the strength of houses, shops and "leisure". At low tide, with great expanses of estuarial mud exposed, the bleak waterfront can be a miserable sight. Investment is not easily attracted to such a place.

A dam or barrage across the bay would produce a non-tidal freshwater lake of 500 acres, making Cardiff Britain's first lakeside city. The Cardiff Bay Development Corporation believes that a ten-mile waterfront, properly landscaped and serviced, would be a magnet for homes, commercial properties and visitors.

Despite the controversy, the corporation has refused to scale down its big idea, aiming to sustain its vision of an "international maritime city" which would even include a waterside national opera house echoing the one at Sydney. The critics dispute the grander claims, but concede that the revival of the docklands area of Cardiff presents an enormous and costly challenge.

The environmental loss will be of an existing wetland home for fowl and waders, partly to be offset by the creation of a wetlands conservation area nearby. The environmental gain, surely far greater, would be the end of the dereliction of Cardiff docklands, and a lake of great beauty. If Cardiff wants to gamble on a better future, it should be allowed to do so, and the government should help it where it can.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case for putting Saddam on trial

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, It is to be hoped that the government lawyers to whom the prime minister has referred the matter for advice will not use too much midnight oil in exploring the legal minutiae of whether Saddam Hussein has committed the crime of genocide against the Kurds (report, April 17).

This is a mixed question of law and fact which can safely be left to the tribunal of leading international lawyers that would have to be set up if it is decided that Saddam should be put on trial for this and other charges. For, in our horror at the tribulations of the Kurds, we seem to have lost sight of the fact that the present international involvement arose through the undoubted commission by Saddam of other equally grave crimes against international law, also involving great human suffering.

The invasion of Kuwait was a clear case of waging aggressive war, made criminal by the Pact of Paris in 1928. It was applied with personal responsibility on the leaders of the state committing it by the Nuremberg tribunal and subsequently confirmed by the United Nations.

Saddam Hussein would not appear to have any defence whatever to the charge of this crime. Then there are war crimes and crimes against humanity, as defined by the Nuremberg tribunal and the Geneva Convention of 1949.

The question is not whether Saddam has committed grave crimes. It is the political one of how and whether he can be required to participate in a trial. And if he cannot, whether it would none the less still be useful to have the judgment of an international tribunal as to his guilt.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
April 17.

Plea for Kuwaiti press

From Mr H. B. Khokhar

Sir, The Emir of Kuwait (report, April 8, later editions) has pledged to hold elections and revive the parliament next year. I hope that the country's press, which was destroyed by the Iraqi occupation forces, will also be restored quickly.

About 40 Kuwaiti publications, including five dailies (three in Arabic and two in English) had been closed since the Iraqi occupation in August last year and about 250 journalists (Arab, English and Asian) lost their jobs.

The Iraqi occupation forces took away the newspapers' latest equipment to Baghdad and removed most of the new electronic media equipment. All this needs quick replacement.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. KHOKHAR (President,
Council of Third World Newspapers),
260 Park West, W2.
April 8.

Delays in court

From his Honour Judge Anthony Tibber

Sir, The general argument of Anthony Scrivener's article on consumers and the law, "Serving those who stand and wait" (Legal Brief, April 2), is probably acceptable to all interested in the consumer's view of the legal process, but gives scant consideration to the problems of listing.

Of the number of substantial cases listed at 10am (not 10.30am in all courts!), most will almost certainly settle and, of the rest, more than one will not be ready for trial and will seek an adjournment. In the end, there will probably be one that is ready to proceed. If only one matter is listed at the start of the day, listing for the other matters will extend way into the future and the complaint will then be that delays are too great.

Listing is an art that can be learned only by experience. If only one full-day case is listed at Edmonton County Court there is a substantial chance that the day will be wholly wasted and cases will be listed many weeks or months after they are set down. The normal wait for listing here after a case (estimated to last a day) is certified as being ready for trial is between six and eight weeks — often too short for the parties to be ready in fact.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TIBBER,
Edmonton County Court,
Fore Street, Upper Edmonton, N18.

Sense and sensibilities on the census

From Mrs Marian Wendon

Sir, It has always been my understanding that census returns are totally confidential and that census enumerators are appointed to work in areas other than where they live. Imagine my surprise on discovering last weekend that our enumerator is a resident of this small village, known to me.

Our local census area manager, whom I contacted, assured me that this should not have happened and that he would put it right. As a result, our enumerator has now given me an envelope for the form, marked "Not to be opened by census enumerator".

Apparently such envelopes are supposed to be *offered* to any householder known to the enumerator. I recommend anyone finding themselves in this position to demand one; in our area, it seems, only I have been given it — and then only because I made a fuss.

Surely householders will only complete census forms accurately and honestly if they feel confident of the confidentiality of the system. If they do not, then the census will actually be misleading, which is worse than no census at all.

Yours faithfully,
MARIAN WENDON,
Woodpeckers,
Ford Lane, East Hendred,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
April 17.

From Mrs Alexandra Morgan

Sir, The only question relating to nationality in the forthcoming census (question 10 on the form) asks about the "country of birth".

In this household there will be, on the night of April 21:

myself, born in Greece of Bulgarian parents (and therefore of Bulgarian nationality at birth) and now a British citizen by marriage;

my two children, born in Switzerland and Germany respectively, but both British citizens because of their British father and (naturalised) British mother;

my cousin, born in Bulgaria and still a Bulgarian citizen.

How is the census going to interpret statistically the nationalities involved? Shall we have a tower of Babel, with a Greek, a Swiss, a German and a Bulgarian living happily together in this country? Or are we all going to be counted as British citizens, which my cousin definitely is not?

Surely the form should have asked for (a) *nationality at* (rather than country of) birth, and (b) present citizenship.

Yours sincerely,
ALEXANDRA MORGAN,
42 Waldemar Avenue, SW6.

From Mr Joseph I. Gordon

Sir, Is it not ironic that, at a time when South Africa is abolishing its compulsory classification of its citizens into different racial categories, the United Kingdom government compels its citizens (question 11 of the census) to classify themselves into various racial categories?

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH I. GORDON,
50 Redhill Drive,
Withdean,
Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr T. Watkin

Sir, In the forthcoming census, the organisers in Wales have instructions to offer the choice of a form in Welsh or English to every household. However, reports are coming in from all parts of Wales that many distributors are only offering English forms.

There were complaints about this procedure after the 1981 census, but it appears that no notice has been taken. One wonders about the accuracy of the 1991 census for Wales in these circumstances. It would improve matters if Wales were not administered from England for the census and that it were centrally organised in Cardiff, as the Scottish census is organised in Edinburgh.

Yours faithfully,
T. WATKIN,
Cyncoed, Bangor, Gwynedd.

From Mr W. J. Mitchell

Sir, On the first page of the census *form* ("H1 Rooms") a "small kitchen" is defined as being "under 2 metres (6 feet, 6 inches) wide", and is thereby excluded from the count. But what is "width"? Is it determined in relation to "length" or to "depth" (superficially speaking)?

In the 54 retirement flats at Stokes Court, from one of which I write, kitchens range from 8ft 3in x 5ft through 8ft 6in x 7ft to 10ft 7in x 5ft 4in; they are approached through a doorway in the lounge wall giving on to the longer dimension. Is that "width" or "length"? As I step across the kitchen, am I traversing the "width" or the "depth"?

Apparently the almost square kitchens in certain of the flats will rank as "rooms" (both dimensions over 6ft 6in), since they have a floor area of 59½ sq ft, while the other kitchens, having respective floor areas of 47½ sq ft and 56½ sq ft, will not. What should all our householders do to be consistent?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM J. MITCHELL,
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Diploma Avenue, East Finchley, N2.

From Mr John D. Fleming

Sir, I am appalled to read, in the leaflet accompanying the census form, that "this information is used by central government, local authorities, health authorities, *businesses and many other organisations*" (my italics).

What businesses and organisations have the right to pry into our affairs?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. FLEMING.
8 Fore Street,
Dulverton, Somerset.

From Mrs Jean Cowley

Sir, Libby Purves (Life and Times, April 5) was anxious about what the enumerator would think to her having four lavatories in a house with four occupants. Now she has received her census form, she may cast her anxieties away. We only need to state (H4 Amenities) whether we have a "flush toilet (WC) with entrance inside the building", not how many.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN COWLEY,
53 Hillcrest, Brighton, Sussex.

Heritage changes

From the Chairman of English Heritage

Sir, Marcus Binney's sweeping article ("Guardians of England's glory demeaned", April 16) seems to be designed to smite the government, the Department of the Environment and English Heritage hip and thigh on a number of issues.

My main concern is that he revives some old canards and obviously ill-buried fears about the amalgamation of the former GLC Historic Buildings Division into English Heritage in 1986, and the marriage of the two organisations' staff, philosophies and powers.

I would like to assure him that English Heritage both asked for at the time and continue to think it essential to have the powers provided to us in London, and that there has been no suggestion by anyone, including the Department of the Environment, that those powers should be in any way curtailed.

The added cost of operating those powers has been noted publicly for the last two years in the information we publish in our shortened corporate plan, sent to some 8,000 conservationists. No one has claimed that cost to be inordinately expensive.

Mr Binney has read into an internal background paper facts and recommendations which do not appear in it, and done so in a fashion which cannot help constructive debate about the best organisation of scarce human and other resources, both now and for the future.

As for the planned move of staff to Nottingham, all the arguments for separate regional offices for conservation work were debated by the commission some 15 months ago, and rejected. Mr Binney's image of the local office would have been true only for those in the centres selected, not those at the other end of the region who would still have felt remote.

Yours faithfully,
MONTAGU of BEAULIEU,
Chairman, English Heritage,
Fortress House,
23 Savile Row, W1.
April 16.

Water safeguards

From the Chairman of the Darent River Preservation Society

Sir, Mr Rofe (April 6) should know that chalk streams, the rarity of which you emphasised in your excellent leading article (April 2), support exceptional flora, fauna and other wildlife providing the flow is maintained.

Many are in areas designated by the Countryside Commission. Much of the Darent Valley, to which you refer, is in the North Downs area of outstanding natural beauty. Lord Crickhowell himself stood on the dried-up bed of our river last summer and his National Rivers Authority has identified 20 rivers in need of urgent special attention, including the Darent.

The river's main problem is over-abstraction. There is much more to this problem than maintaining the fish.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. ATTWOOD, Chairman,
Darent River Preservation Society,
Old Cottage,
Shoreham,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
April 8.

From Mr James Buckman

Sir, Is your report (April 2) on the threat to the Test and other clear-water streams indicative of another aspect of under-investment by the former water authorities? It is certainly cheaper to abstract water from aquifers like the chalk than to adopt measures which are a necessary part of life elsewhere in the world. But at what ultimate cost!

At Sliema, in Malta, tap-water seems to be as potable as in West Sussex. There are no rivers in Malta and barely a third of the island's water is obtained from deep wells. Sliema has one of four plants on the island extracting water from the sea by reverse osmosis. In spite of summer drought, in most residential areas there is no hose-pipe ban.

If a reverse osmosis plant were to be built, say, between Portsmouth and Southampton, would this not go a long way to alleviating the problem of over-extraction in the Test Valley, as well as being of benefit to a large part of England's southern coastal zone?

Yours sincerely,
J. BUCKMAN,
38 King's Stone Avenue,
Steyning, West Sussex.

From Mr William Cutting

Sir, My water company is well aware of the importance of the River Test and its tributaries and has taken a number of steps to ensure continued quality. Virtually all growth in water consumption in the past ten years has been supplied from Testwood waterworks. Sited in Totton, near Southampton, close to where the river joins the sea, it has no effect on upstream flows or fishing.

Later this year, Southern Water Services will be making a planning application to build a large reservoir next to Testwood waterworks to store high winter flows for summer use. The additional water made available (within our existing licence) will avoid the need for increased upstream abstractions for the foreseeable future.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM CUTTING (Director),
Hampshire Division,
Southern Water Services Ltd,
Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Stabs in back that harm the stage

From Mr John Osborne

Sir, Exactly two years ago this week I finished a new stage play. Since then I have discovered that it is almost impossible to persuade star actors even to *read* a manuscript. Should they do so, passionate avowals of loyal commitment are reneged upon abruptly and without explanation, but patently for the reasons of expediency Mr Robin Hawdon (April 11) suggests. Old acquaintances and former colleagues, grown bullish in the lush pastures of film and television, disregard a personal postcard and loftily refer you to their agents.

I assumed that my personal and professional reputation incited such contempt. I discover this is not the case and that other playwrights, more popular and successful than myself, find themselves left waiting in the servants' hall for a summons that may or may not come, for a commitment forgotten as soon as made.

I was merely naive; this is now the accepted behaviour of male "stars". Interestingly, I am informed that the female of the species is less craven.

During my career I have been blessed with the great fortune of having my work served, as possibly no other playwright in history, by the giant talents of Ralph Richardson, Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, Alec Guinness, Richard Burton, Paul Scofield, Trevor Howard and many others. All of them would have blanched at the prevailing lustreless discourtesy.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OSBORNE,
The Hurst, Clunton,
Craven Arms, Shropshire.
April 17.

Religion in schools

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Anthony Coombs (April 12) is worried about "the kind of relative comparative religion shading into blatant secularism" in the current application of the Education Reform Act to religious education. There is no serious danger of this. The real danger is rather a return to the kind of dogmatic traditional religion shading into blatant propaganda.

What is needed is surely a proper education about religion, which should of course reflect the predominance of Christianity in this country, but also the existence of other religious and indeed non-religious ethical traditions. And this is what responsible local authorities and teachers are trying to provide.

Yours etc.,
NICOLAS WALTER,
Rationalist Press Association,
88 Islington High Street, N1.
April 9.

Ordination of women

From Canon R. C. Craston

Sir, The Bishop of London (April 6) centres his opposition to the ordination of women as priests on the Incarnation of God as a male person. But many who are equally committed to the biblical revelation do not accept the deductions he draws.

Undoubtedly the Incarnation happened at the time in history God decreed, and everything in the culture of the day and in the context of the Jewish faith required it to be as a male. But the primary significance of the Incarnation *is* not the gender but the assumption of humanity in its totality. For, "what is not assumed is not redeemed."

And while male in his earthly life, thus fulfilling all the Old Testament images of Messiah, Son of Man, Suffering Servant, Lamb (male without blemish), Christ ascended takes redeemed humanity in its fullness, male and female, to the Father's throne.

Representation of the ascended Christ in the Church and the world can thus be by men and women. It is of Christ incarnate, crucified, risen and ascended, and not of him at one particular point in his earthly life, such as at the Last Supper, that representation applies.

There have been through most of Christian history thus far cultural reasons for the restriction of ordained ministry to males. The time is now ripe for further exploration of the representation of God in human beings, relating the taking up of humanity into the God-head to the significance of the *imago dei* concept in the creation of humanity, male and female.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. CRASTON,
St Paul's Vicarage,
174 Chorley New Road,
Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Wrong pitch

From Mr R. G. Lofting

Sir, The bumble bee's buzz note reported by Dr Walkey (April 12) is presumably related to its wing beat. Memories from my flying days tell me that any flying machine must produce more lift than its weight in a climb and less in a descent.

I assume *Bombus* knows this, too, and therefore varies its wing beat. Perhaps Dr Walkey could extend his research into the creature's "flight envelope" and come up with a *bombiform* scale?

Yours faithfully,
R. G. LOFTING.
Penny Moon, North Street,
Norton St Philip,
Bath, Avon.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 17: The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey, Her Excellency the High Commissioner for Kenya, the Bishop of Chelmsford (the Right Reverend John Waine) and Mrs Waine, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Baker, the Leader of the Opposition and Mrs Kinnock, Sir David and Lady Plastow and Sir Paul and Lady Fox have left the Castle.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Cyprus and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, was represented by Brigadier Anthony Crawford (Director of the Intelligence Corps) at the Funeral of Major General Richard Lloyd which was held at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, Hampshire, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 17: The Duchess of York this evening opened the 6th International Contemporary Art Fair — Art/London 91, at Olympia, London.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a presentation and dinner in support of the Award in St James's Palace.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 17: Prince of Wales received Mr Ron Greer and Mr Derek Prestwell, Resource Use Institute.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 17: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Rolls-Royce plc, Aerospace Group, Filton, Bristol and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

This afternoon His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visited Renishaw plc, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin St J. V. Gibbs).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, President of The Scout Association, was represented by Mr A.E.N. Black at the Memorial Service for the life of Major Sir Marc Noble, Bt, which was held at the Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, London SW1, today.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning visited Finchale Training College, Durham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Durham (Mr D.J. Grant); and later Her Royal Highness opened an extension of SMK (UK) Limited, Newton Aycliffe.

This afternoon The Duchess of Kent opened the new Library at the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington, North Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Fashion and Jewellery Show in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Garrard, Regent Street, London W1.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J.McK. Barrie
and Miss E.F. Colvile
The engagement is announced between Angus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. James McK. Barrie, of Edinburgh, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey F. Colvile, of East Malling, Kent.

Mr M.A. Bowman
and Miss V.J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Raymond Bowman and of Doreen Bowman, of Melbourne, Australia, and Victoria, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Neville Robinson, of Oxford.

Mr G.W.A. Conran
and Miss C.J. Shears
The engagement is announced between Gerald, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W.M.A. Conran, of Yealmpton, South Devon, and Caryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.T. Shears, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr K.P.J. Cregan
and Miss L.A.A. Craft
The engagement is announced between Killian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Cregan, of Dublin, Ireland, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Craft, of Shere, Surrey.

Mr H.R.J. Gardner
and Miss G.M. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Gardner, of Birchanger, Essex, and Georgina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hudson, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr A.E. Honeyman
and Miss L. Hummel-Walker
The engagement is announced between Alasdair Ewen, son of Mr and Mrs Ewen Honeyman, of Edinburgh, and Liza, youngest daughter of Mrs Olga Walker, of Kenley, Surrey.

Mr J.M.C. Hothersall
and Miss C.C. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Myles, son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Hothersall, of Wimbledon, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Ellis, of Tyrrell's Wood, Surrey.

Mr P.M. Jansen
and Miss N.L. Minton
The engagement is announced between Peter Michael, son of Dr and Mrs Alexander Jansen, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, and Nicole Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek Bernard Minton, of Sandbanks, Dorset.

Mr G.C. Johnson
and Miss M-C. Kelly
The forthcoming marriage is announced with the greatest pleasure of Mr Graham Charles Johnson and Marie-Clare, daughter of Professor and Mrs Anthony Kelly, of Worplesdon, Guildford and Cambridge.

Lieutenant P. Marston, RN
and Lieutenant S. Johns, WRNS
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Marston, of Denton, Manchester, and Sarah, daughter of the late Michael Johns, and of the Rev Pat Johns, of Wantage.

Mr C.E. Tenison-Collins
and Miss M.B. O'Neill
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Tenison-Collins, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Bridget, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James O'Neill, of Norwood, London, SE19.

Mr A. Wright
and Miss E.J. Frost
The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Wright, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Frost.

Marriages

Mr M.C. Caddick-Adams
and Miss J.G. Maddison
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Keele, Staffordshire, of Mr Michael Charles Caddick-Adams, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Caddick-Adams, Brampton Lodge, Newcastle-under-Lyme, to Miss Julia Grace Maddison, daughter of Dr R.C. Maddison, Florida, USA, and Mrs M.G. Maddison, Newcastle-under-Lyme. The Rev John Whitehead officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr J. Alsbury Maddison, was attended by Alison Hornsby, Julie Smith, Philip Smith and Natalie Langley. Mr C.R. Maddison was best man.

A reception was held at the Clayton Lodge Hotel.

Dr J. Fletcher
and Miss Z.L. Crozier-Cole
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, at All Saints' Church, Farley, between Dr James Fletcher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Giles Fletcher, of Middle Woodford, Salisbury, and Miss Zoë Louise Crozier-Cole, elder daughter of the late Mr Patrick Crozier-Cole and of Mrs Crozier-Cole, of Farley, Salisbury. The Rev Anthony Salmon and Canon John Reynolds officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jeremy, and was attended by Lucilla Crozier-Cole, Alice Fletcher and Emma Lowndes. Mr James McNeile was best man.

The reception was held at the Wardenry, Farley, and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will attend the European premiere of Franco Zeffirelli's *Hamlet* at the Odeon, Haymarket, at 7.45 in aid of the Shakespeare Globe Trust.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Townswomen's Guilds, will attend the national conference on drug and alcohol abuse at the Royal Over-Seas League at 10.50; will open the new police station in Plumstead at 2.45; and, as Patron of the Royal Tournament, will attend the 1991 launch at St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, will visit clubs in Nottinghamshire beginning in Nottingham at 10.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Wirral Resource Centre and Toy Library, Woodchurch Lane, Prenton, Liverpool, at 2.00; open the Alfred Stocks Court sheltered housing scheme, Dingle Lane, Liverpool, at 2.55; and visit Mountford Lodge residential home, Sefton Drive, Liverpool, at 3.50.

The Duke of Kent will open the new Technical Centre at HP Bulmer Holdings, Plough Lane, Hereford, at 10.45; as president, will visit the Licensed Victuallers' National Home in Birmingham, at 2.25; and will present the CIM Institute of Marketing awards at Birmingham Council Hall at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at Australia House at 6.30 to mark the centenary of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Brigid Bromovsky

A memorial service for Brigid Bromovsky will be held at House Chapel, next to Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1, on Tuesday, May 14, at 11.30 am.

Sir Monty Finniston

A memorial service for Sir Monty Finniston, FRS, will be held at the New London Synagogue, 33 Abbey Road, London, NW8, on Tuesday, May 7, 1991, at 6 pm.

OBITUARIES

MAURICE BINDER

Maurice Binder, film graphic designer, died in London on April 9 aged 72. He was born in New York on December 4, 1918.

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VERSATILE and imaginative, Maurice Binder designed titles for a wide range of films, from Rita Hayworth vehicles of the 1940s such as *Gilda* to lavish 1980s extravaganzas like Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*. But in the mind of the general public his single most enduring image is the arresting sequence which opens the James Bond films: the tuxedoed figure of the secret agent is seen down the rifled barrel of a gun; before the trigger can be pulled he has loosed off a shot himself; the gun veers and droops slowly towards the ground, where we imagine it to fall from nerveless fingers; a curtain of blood drips down the screen. With its background of menacing theme music, the Binder formula became the visual hallmark of the Bond series and played an important role in its commercial success.

Binder's background was an engineering and art college one. Born in New York, he attended Stuyvesant High School, which is particularly noted for its engineering courses and which developed the strongly practical bent in his artistic nature. He also attended classes in art at the Art Students' League and then went on to New York City College. Later he spent some time at Cambridge University. He was to develop strong links with Britain, where he did much of his later work, and where he spent much of his time over the past 27 years.

He began his working life at Macy's department store in the early 1940s, where, as art director, he designed advertisements and catalogues. But the war soon made its claims on his engineering talents. With his brother, Mitchell, he found himself in North Africa, building bases for the US army and navy. Later he served as a navigator in army personnel transport ships for the US military sea transport command. Ships and nautical life were to remain an interest — indeed a passion — all his life and he liked to be invited to give lectures about his craft on cruise ships such as the *QE2*.

After the war he went to Hollywood where he worked as an advertising designer for Universal. Then he became West Coast art director for Columbia, working on two Rita Hayworth pictures, the suspense thriller *Gilda* and the maritime tale *The Lady from Shanghai* (both 1948). Next he went freelance, beginning a long and creative association with the director Stanley Donen for whom he did the advertising campaign and credit titles for *Indiscreet*, *Damn Yankees* (both 1958), *Two for the Road* (1966) and many others.

After the sensation caused in the film world by his titles for Donen's *The Grass is Green* (1960) in which he used a novel visual method to represent the stars and senior production crew, he was asked to design the opening for the first James Bond film, *Dr No* (1962). He came up with the gun barrel sequence which has since become famous. He also produced the teasing trailers and other opening sequences, generally featuring the exotic looking and generally naked girls in erotic poses which were to become his trademark. Binder's input was germane to the sexy image purveyed by the Bond movies and was very much a part of the success of the genre.

Recent titles on which he was involved were *The Last Emperor* (1987) and *The Sheltering Sky* (1990). Besides his lecturing on board ships, Binder also taught his subject at various institutions. He was on the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles and he lectured at the New York Museum of Modern Art.

He was unmarried.

QIN BENLI

Qin Benli, Chinese newspaper editor, died of cancer in Shanghai on April 15 aged 73.

QIN Benli edited the *World Economic Herald*, a weekly journal published in Shanghai, which played a leading role in the campaign for economic and political reform in China until it was closed down by the authorities in 1989. He was appointed editor when the *Herald* was launched in 1980 under the auspices of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. Although the paper had a circulation of only 300,000 and a modest budget, it had considerable intellectual authority and was regarded as the boldest and best informed of China's newspapers.

Qin and his staff addressed issues which others avoided and had the temerity to criticise government policies, earning the wrath of the conservatives within the Communist party. The paper backed the reformist political line pursued by Hu Yaobang, when he was Communist party leader and after he was deposed it became a vigorous supporter of his successor, Zhao Ziyang. As the hardliners gained the upper hand, Jiang Zemin, then Shanghai's communist leader, pressed for the closure of the *Herald*. Jiang was later rewarded for his tough line, rising to the top national party post when Zhao was sacked in June 1989. Qin's death occurred exactly two years after the death of Hu Yaobang which provoked the wave of public demands for democracy that were crushed by the army in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

As a journalist Qin had often been directly involved in China's turbulent politics. He was sacked from Shanghai's *Wen Hui Bao* newspaper when Mao Tse-tung launched a campaign against "rightists" in 1957. After being out of work for six months he became a sub-editor at a magazine regarded as being on the extreme left of the Chinese political spectrum. Later, during the political fanaticism of the cultural revolution, Qin was banished in 1966 to the countryside to raise pigs, only returning to journalism ten years later.

Two years ago, convinced that the days of fanaticism in China were over, he expressed the belief that his paper could afford to buck the system. "The paper we have created would have been impossible in the past," he said in an interview with Reuters. "It has only been made possible by the reform and open-door policy. It will continue after my retirement." In describing his newspaper, Qin drew an analogy with table tennis: "We are on the white line on the edge of the table. The ball is in, but only just. It is nearly over the line."

The *Herald* went over that line in April 1989 when it sponsored a seminar on Hu Yaobang and published statements of academics who attended. They called for a reassessment of the man who was sacked as party chief in 1987 and blamed for a round of political unrest in Shanghai. This proved too much for the Chinese authorities.

During the suppression of the reformist movement following the Tiananmen Square massacre, four of Qin's staff were detained while others were prevented from leaving Shanghai. Qin escaped punitive action, possibly because of his illness, but his newspaper is still suppressed.

DENNIS LENNON

Dennis Lennon, CBE, MC, architect, died on April 16, aged 72. He was born on June 23, 1918.

AS SENIOR partner of the firm he founded in the 1960s Dennis Lennon made a number of striking contributions to commercial and private building especially in London, notably to interiors. Perhaps his single most important creation was the interior of the Cunard liner *QE2*, but his firm was involved in a wide variety of work, including tower flats, chains of shops, restaurants, executives' offices and, latterly, the restoration of the interior of the Ritz hotel to its original Louis Seize-style glory. This last was a task dear to his heart.

Dennis Lennon was born in Chile of an Irish father and an English mother. He was educated at Merchant Taylors' School and University College, London. He joined the Artists' Rifles not long before the war, but when hostilities began in September 1939 it was thought his practical, scientific background could be more usefully employed and he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers. He was sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force.

He was with the 51st (Highland) Division which had retreated to St Valéry, and was captured there with the survivors of the division when further resistance to German troops, who had occupied all the cliffs and vantage points, became impossible. Not relishing the prospect of spending the rest of the war (which to him looked like being a longish one) in a POW cage, Lennon and a friend slipped away from the column in which they were being marched to captivity and hid behind a hedge until the coast was clear. Thereafter they (in Lennon's words) "liberated a couple of bikes" and after numerous adventures made their way to Marseilles. From there, after a further period of incarceration in Madrid from which he was released through the good offices of the British consul-general, he reached Gibraltar and, by sea, Britain.

Lennon returned to the fray, being posted to North Africa with the Desert Rats, serving throughout the desert campaign and winning his Military Cross in 1942. He was thereafter with the 8th Army in Sicily and Italy and was mentioned in dispatches for his work in helping to disable enemy tanks.

After the war he worked for three years with the Maxwell Fry/Jane Drew architectural partnership before being asked to redesign the interior of the Rayon Industry Design Centre. He was so successful at this that he was subsequently asked to become director of the centre in 1948.

In 1950 he founded his own practice, Dennis Lennon & Partners. Among the partnership's work over the next 40 years were a chain of shops for Jaeger, another of steak houses for J. Lyons, a large commission for London Merchant Securities, which included the Holiday Inn, Swiss Cottage, as well as the Harrow School dining room. For the last the firm chose the site, designed the entire building and oversaw every detail, even down to the pattern of the cutlery to be used. His tower blocks for the old Hampstead (now Camden) council controversially dominate the view north from Primrose Hill to Hampstead.

The design of the interiors of the *QE2*, which he embarked on in 1960, presented Lennon and his firm with one of their most absorbing challenges. Given virtual carte blanche, he spent the next eight years creating a bright, crisp modern environment, reflecting the forward-looking nature of the modern cruise ship in the period after the heyday of the passenger liner had already passed. Public ways, restaurants, bars, a theatre, coffee bars for teenagers and children's playrooms were all part of the brief. Lennon had the happy knack of harnessing and coordinating all the talents in his design bureau and was never afraid to revise his opinion if one of his colleagues came up with a concept superior to his own. Lennon was appointed CBE in 1968.

One of his favourite jobs was the redesign of the interior of the Ritz hotel which occupied him in the 1980s. His task was to restore the atmosphere of Louis XVI which the Ritz's original designers, Charles Mewes and Arthur J. Davies, had given it, but which had become eroded with the passage of time. He had been lucky enough to have talked to Davies, and by the time he came to the task he was imbued with the spirit of the undertaking. Scouring France for craftsmen and furniture, he remained true to the ideal that the spirit of Louis XVI should prevail, and recreated an interior which was designed to be as remote as possible from the mundane realities of modern life. By the time he had finished he had created what in his own words was "damn nearly a museum", an ethos replete with the lavish grace of the period before the French revolution. Lennon's firm also designed a new suite at the Ritz, the Trafalgar suite, which looks out over Green Park. When Lennon subsequently applied himself to the interior of the Savile club, — he actually painted one of the ceilings himself to give the beholder the impression of looking up into a summer sky. To this kind of work he brought a sympathetic touch, always mindful of a building's past in whatever he added to its décor.

He married, in 1947, Else Bull-Andersen and is survived by her and their three daughters.

School announcements

Ashford School, Kent
Term begins on Thursday, April 18. New Head Girls will be Natalie Clark and Louise Wood. Verdi's *Requiem* will be performed in Canterbury Cathedral with Ashford Choral Society, on Wednesday, May 8. Mrs Pauline Perry, Director of London South Bank Polytechnic, will be the guest speaker at Prizegiving on Friday, July 5. Founders' Day Service and Fete will be on Saturday, July 6.

Scholars awards for September: Yin Teng Cheung, Willesborough Primary School; Junyi Chew, Ashford JS; Lara Morley, Ashford JS; Rose Van Orden, Ashford JS; Music Scholarship: Emily Parker, Ashford JS.

Junior School Family Concert will be on Sunday, May 12. Term ends on Friday, July 12.

Bedford High School
The Summer Term at Bedford High School begins today and ends on July 5. John Dankworth Concert will be held on May 7. The Guild Reunion takes place in Reading, on May 11. The Sixth Form Leavers' Ball will be held on Thursday, June 27, at the Moat House Hotel, Bedford. Open Afternoons for girls joining the School in September will be held on Thursday, June 20, for the Junior School and Wednesday, June 26, for the Senior School.

Bromsgrove School
School convenes today at Bromsgrove for the Summer Term. The Fourth Form dramatic production of *Carrigan Street* will be on May 1, 2 and 3, the Dramatic Society Open Air production of *Spartan Girls* will be on June 26, 27 and 28. Commemoration Day is June 29, when the guest speaker will be Rear Admiral Sir David Haslam, KBE, CB, President of the Directing Committee International Hydrographic Bureau. Term ends after this with the Leavers' Ball. The Canadian Rugby tour leaves on July 4 and returns on July 19.

Caterham School
The Summer Term begins today. T.G.W. Bailey continues as Senior Prefect, S.M. Lillicrap is Captain of Cricket. The CCF celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a Service of Dedication conducted by the Chaplain General. The Inspecting Officer will be General S.C. Cooper, GOC London. Speech Days will be held on May 24, for the Preparatory School with Professor D.J. Hatch as Chief Guest; Main School on May 25, with Mrs R. Goodfellow. The Old Caterhamians celebrate their Centenary with a Tea Dance on May 26, and a Reunion weekend on June 29 and 30, with a Summer Fayre on Saturday and a Service and Period Cricket and other matches on Sunday. The preacher at the Leavers' Service will be Viscount Tonypandy. Term ends on Thursday, July 4.

Moulsford Preparatory School
The Summer Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today with 175 boys of whom 50 will be weekly boarders. James Fowler is head boy, Peter Hatt, captain of cricket and Simon Greenland, captain of tennis. The Summer ball will be held on Saturday, June 29, and Prize Giving will take place on Wednesday, July 3, when the guest of honour will be N.V. Bevan, Headmaster of Shiplake College.

Sedbergh School, Cumbria
The Summer Term began on Wednesday, April 17. Prizegiving will be held on Saturday, May 25, the Preparatory Schools Festival of Music and Art takes place on Sunday, May 19. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the School on Friday, May 3, when Her Majesty will present the Letters Patent granting Arms to Sedbergh School. Her Majesty will open the Sports Hall, and His Royal Highness a new Conservation area. All OSs and their families will be most welcome to be present at the Cloisters; the necessary Security Passes can be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary upon application, stating full names of all attending, and enclosing stamped addressed envelope.

Wellingborough School
The Trinity Term at Wellingborough School began this week and ends July 5. The CCF will be inspected by General Sir John Akehurst, KCB, CBE, on May 1. The Old Weymouthians' Club annual reunion is on May 18. Open Day and Old Wellingburian Summer Day is June 29. The 1st XI will play MCC on June 28. Junior School Speech Day is July 6. County Cricket matches will take place on The Grove July 19-22.

Wilson's School
Trinity Term began on April 10. B.A. Cloves becomes School Captain and S.J. Axcell and P.L. Whitmarsh, his Deputies. S.J. Corrigall is Captain of Cricket and B.J. Morgan continues as Captain of Swimming and Waterpolo. The prospective Lower Sixth Evening will be held on April 18, further details from the Headmaster's Secretary. The Old Wilsonians' cricket matches will be played on July 4, and the PTA Midsummer Ball on June 29. The Biennial Inspection of the Combined Cadet Force takes place on May 1. The extension of the Technology Department - the Venner Building - will be officially opened by the Right Hon Lord Young on June 28. Term ends on July 19.

Memorial service

Major Sir Marc Noble
The Duke of Kent, President of The Scout Association, was represented by Colonel A.E.N. Black, chief executive commissioner, at a service of thanksgiving for Major Sir Marc Noble held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated.

Mr Tom Watson and Mr Clive Aston read the lessons and Sir William Gladstone, a Vice-President of The Scout Association, gave an address. The Speaker was represented by Mr Jacques Arnold, MP. The Lord Lieutenant of Kent and Mrs Leigh-Pemberton attended. Among those present were:

Jane Lady Noble (widow), Sir David Noble and Mr Charles Noble (sons), Mrs John Porter (daughter), Mr and Mrs Peter Noble (brother and sister-in-law), Captain and Mrs Robin Sheepshanks (brother-in-law and sister), Miss M Austin (sister-in-law), Mr Richard Sheepshanks, Mr Andrew Sheepshanks, Mr Christopher Sheepshanks, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, the Hon Mrs Mark Clarfelt, the Hon Isambard Thomas, the Hon Miles Jebb.

The Earl of Airlie, Major-General Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, the Right Rev Michael Mann, Lady Baden-Powell, Lord Gainford, the Hon Richard Beaumont, the Hon Cecil Law, General Sir Richard and the Hon Lady Worsley, General Sir Jack Harman, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston (Colonel, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards), Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Major-General Sir Michael Palmer (14th/20th King's Hussars), Colonel Sir Piers Bengough.

Mr W Garth Morrison (Chief Scout) with Major-General M Walsh (a vice-president, The Scout Association), Mr Bertil Tunje (vice-chairman, World Scout Committee), with Mr Michael Beach (international commissioner) Mr Kenneth Stevens (chairman, awards board, also representing the Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear) and Mrs Stevens, Mr J S B McCowan (chairman, committee of the council), Mr W Legge-Bourke (chairman, finance committee), Mr J N Stevenson (secretary), Lord Mark Fitzalan Howard (national treasurer), M D Benard (European Scout Office), Mr Bill Cockford (Kent commissioner), Mr Alec Blanc (county chairman, Kent Scouts) and Mr John London (Sevenoaks District Scout Council).

M Jacques Moreillon (secretary-general, World Organisation of The Scout Movement), Mr John Donnell (international commissioner, Boy Scouts of America) and Mrs Donnell, Mr Duncan Alexander (Scout Movement, Scotland), Mr Coleridge H H Coker (Chief Scout of Sierra Leone), Mr J F McCracken and Mrs Duncan Shaddick (Boy Scouts of Canada), Mr D D Ash (representing the chief commissioner, Trinidad and Tobago Scout Association), Mrs Jane Garside (chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association) with Miss Marjorie Hayler (general secretary).

Colonel J D Smith-Bingham (representing the Colonel, The Blues and Royals, and Headquarters Household Cavalry), Commander L E Peyton-Jones (Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme), Major J Radcliffe and Major C Ashton (Sharpshooters Yeomanry), Lieutenant-Colonel C H Rayment (Royal Tank Regiment Association), Captain James Troughton (11th Hussars), Colonel Tom Hall (Cavalry and Guards Club), Chief Superintendent Ken Tappenden (Kent Police) and Mrs Tappenden, Mr Francis Price (Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks).

Judge Felix Waley, Judge Giles Rooke, His Honour and Mrs Bertrand Richards, Mr Robin Ludlow, Mr Christopher Voelcker, Mrs Sybil Voelcker, Mr and Mrs Richard Neame, Mrs Frederick Couchman, Major-General and Mrs Ian Harrison, Mrs J Seys-Phillips, Mr Moray Watson, Mr James Calvocoressi, Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Richard Westmacott, Mr Terence Hart Dyke, Lieutenant-Colonel D J Daly, Colonel Malcolm Havergal, Major Laurence Stringer, Mr Narindar Saroop, Mrs T A K Watson, Mrs Clive Aston, Mr Cecil Williams, Mr Martin Couchman, Mr Mark Wolfson, MP, and Mrs Wolfson and Mr John Warr.

Birthdays today

Sir Walter Clegg, former MP, 71; Mr Roger de Grey, president, Royal Academy, 73; Mr Alan Devereux, former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 58; the Marquess of Donegall, 75; Miss Sylvia Fisher, soprano, 81; Mr Brian Fuller, commandant, Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, 55.

Mr David Gee, director, Friends of the Earth, 44; Sir Peter Hordern, MP, 62; Mr Peter Jeffrey, actor, 62; Lord Leatherland, 93; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 67; Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 45.

The Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, headmaster, Ampleforth College, 59; Baroness Platt of Writtle, 68; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Ely, 83; Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 85.

Dinners

Actuaries' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner of the Actuaries' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr P.J. Turvey, Master, presided, accompanied by Mr K.E. Ayers, Senior Warden, and Mr P.W. Parker, acting Junior Warden. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris and Mr R.E. Brimblecombe. Lady Foxley-Norris, Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, and the Masters of the Bakers', Innholders' and Glass-Sellers' Companies and their ladies were among others present.

Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company
Mr P.R. Harris, Master of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, the Bishop of Lewes and Mr Bryan Montgomery also spoke. Dame Jane Gow and the Masters of the Carpenters', Masons', Joiners' and Ceilers', Plaisterers' and Paviors' Companies were among the guests.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Sir David Phillips, Sir Crispin Tickell, Professor Howard Newby and Professor John Knill also spoke. Among others present were:

The Earl of Cranbrook, Lord Aldington, Lord Beloff, Baroness Blatch, Lord Butterfield, Lady Butterworth, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Chorley, Lord Flowers, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Baroness Lockwood, Lord Nathan, Baroness White, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Michael Atiyah, Sir Austin Bide, Sir John Cadogan, Sir John Fairclough, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir William Mitchell, Sir Mark Richmond, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, and Sir Frederick Warner.

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, Vice-Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman of the club, presided and Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, was the principal guest speaker. Mr Eric Koops also spoke.

The Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies at dinner yesterday evening in the House of Lords. Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, was the guest of honour. Others present included:

The Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP (chairman), Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, Lord Brightshaw, Lord Campbell of Croy, MC, Lord Clitheroe, Mr Michael Colvin, MP, Mr Alex Eadie MP, Lord Elibank, Lord Gregson, Lord Haslam, Lord Ironside, Mr David Lambie, MP, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Viscount Mersey, Mr Iain Mills MP, Lord Renwick, Mr Tony Speller, MP, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Mr Jack Thompson, MP, Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP and representatives from associated organisations.

Finance Houses Association
Mr Bob Wyatt, Chairman of the Finance Houses Association, presided at the association's 29th annual dinner held at the Savoy Hotel last night. The principal guest was Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Mr Ron Young, vice-chairman of the association and director and general manager, Lombard North Central PLC, proposed a toast to the guests, to which Mr John Eaton responded. Among those present were:

Lord Ezra, Lord Inchyra, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Bellwin, Mr Terence Higgins, MP, Sir William Clark, MP, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP, Mr E A J George, Mr E J Howe, Mr Robin Squire, MP, Mr Nigel Griffiths, MP, Mr John Townsend, MP, Mr L Shurman, and Mr D B Patrulo.

The Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided over the dinner held last night at the Dorchester Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Anthony J. Tennant, Chairman, Guinness PLC.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st president of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; George H. Lewes, philosopher, dramatist, and scientist, London, 1817; Antero de Quental, poet, Ponta Delgada, Azores, 1842; Leopold Stokowski, the conductor, London, 1882.

DEATHS: John Foxe, martyrologist, London, 1587; Erasmus Darwin, physician and poet, Derby, 1802; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, Cheltenham, 1867; Ottorini Respighi, composer, Rome, 1936; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Sir John Fleming, electrical engineer, Sidmouth, 1945; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955.

The remains of Dr Livingstone were interred in Westminster Abbey, 1874.

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The Lord is my protector, he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe.
Psalm 18:2GNB

BIRTHS

BENNETT-JONES - On March 30th, to Amanda (née Stewart Sandeman) and Owen, a son, Nicholas.

de LISLE - On April 12th, to Ashya (née Cumming-Bruce) and Freddie, a daughter, Rosalie.

FRODIN - On April 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Karen and Austin, a daughter, Lucy Miriam, a sister for Mark and Emma.

GREAVES - On April 4th 1991, in Hong Kong, to Lucie (née Lee) and Mark, a son, Alexander Frederick.

GROOTENHUIS - On April 16th, to Sarah (née Mann) and Hugh, a son, Josh Alexander.

HIRST - On April 17th, to Sara (née Petherick) and Christopher, a daughter, Emily Sarah.

JOLY - On April 17th, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Rose (née Scott) and Charles, a daughter, Flora Magdalen Angela.

LLOYD HELYAR - On April 4th 1991, to Suzanne and Michael, a precious little girl, Jessica Louise.

MACLENNAN - On April 10th, to Sarah (née Janes) and Ian, a daughter, Catherine Hannah.

MARTIN - On April 16th 1991, to Carol (née Scarfe) and Paul, a son, James Cameron.

McMULLAN - On April 15th, to Annabelle (née Barran) and Edward, a son.

RANSON - On April 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Christopher and Penelope (née Lovell-Smith), a daughter, Georgia Jane.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

BENNISON:TALBOT - On April 18th 1931 at All Saints Church, Carshalton, Surrey, Clifford Bennison to Marjorie Talbot.

DEATHS

BURTON - On April 15th, peacefully, in her 88th year, Margaret Stobie Drysdale, after a short illness. Committal service at 2.30 pm, Saturday April 27th at Stoke St Milborough Church, near Ludlow, Shropshire. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

HOLBROOK - On April 11th 1991, John Philip Holbrook F.L.A., husband of Lorna and loving father of Philip, Elizabeth and Richard. Cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium, East Finchley, London N2, on Monday April 22nd 1991 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to N.S.F. Surbiton. All enquiries to A. France & Son, tel: (071) 405-4901.

JENKINS - On April 16th 1991, at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, Dr. Howard Jenkins, D.C.H., F.R.C.P., aged 81 years. Much loved husband of Saidie. Public Service at *Holy Trinity* Church, Aberystwyth, at 2pm on Monday April 22nd, private at Aberystwyth Cemetery. No flowers.

LEGGE - On April 11th 1991, John, peacefully after short illness. Funeral Service The Oratory, Birmingham, April 18th at 12.45 pm.

LENNON - On April 16th, John Dennis Lennon M.C., C.B.E. Beloved husband of Elsa, dear father of Christopher, Nicolas and Peter, father-in-law of Michèle and Pam and much loved Grandpa to James and David. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, on Wednesday April 24th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Alexandra House, 9 Park Street, Windsor, Berks. SL4 1JR.

LYLE - On April 16th 1991, peacefully at home, Dr. William Hugh, loved by his family, wife Patricia and children Amanda and Martin. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Stoneleigh, Tuesday April 23rd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations, *if desired, to either* the Marie Curie Nursing Service or The Samaritans c/o W.G. Rathbone Funeral Directors, 30 Clarendon Avenue, Leamington Spa.

MOSS - On April 15th, after a brave struggle with cancer, James, aged 20, son of David and Joan, brother of Catherine, husband of Lisa. Funeral Service at Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church, Sussex, at 10.30 am on Friday April 19th. Flowers or donations for Fourways Hospice Donation Fund.

SHEEPSHANKS - On April 15th 1991, peacefully after a long illness, Charles Edward William, beloved husband of Mary, greatly loved father of Belinda, Susannah and William and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Arthington, on Tuesday April 23rd at 2.30 pm. Donations to St Peter's Church. Service of Thanksgiving at Sunningdale School Chapel, later this summer.

STARLING - On April 15th 1991, at home, Anne, wife of the late Brigadier John Starling. Funeral has taken place.

TOD - On April 14th, Alison Helen, aged 76, after a long and painful illness borne with great courage. Much loved elder daughter of the late Sir Alan and Lady Tod and sister of Joan. Funeral Wednesday April 24th at 1.30 pm in Liverpool Cathedral Lady Chapel. Flowers - Thomas Porter, 377 Park Road, Liverpool 8 or donations to Friends of Liverpool Cathedral.

VAUGHAN - On April 17th, Esther Vaughan, in her 80th year. Beloved wife of Tom Vaughan and mother of Gay Mooney. Funeral East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, 2.20 pm, Thursday April 18th.

WALKER - On April 16th, at home in Darlington, George Walker M.B.E., husband of Sarah, father of David, Ian and Gordon. Cremation at West Cemetery, Darlington, 10.30 am Friday April 19th. All enquiries to Seaton Lens (0325) 468647.

WALTHEW - On April 16th 1991, suddenly in hospital in Cape Town, Sydney Clinch, (late of Elizabeth Arden), dearly loved husband of Helen. Letters to 18, Lochiel Road, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa.

WATON - On Tuesday April 16th, Dorothy Maud, eldest daughter of the Revd. Prebendary C.F. and Mrs Ellen Waton, and friend and companion for 37 years of Betty Smith, peacefully at home at aged 75 years. Fortified by the rites of *Holy* Church. Requiem Mass to be said by the Bishop of Edmonton at Holy Trinity Church, Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21, on Friday *April 26th 1991* at 1 pm followed by interment at Lavender Hill Cemetery, Enfield. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds or The Woodland Trust may be sent to A. Seaward & Sons, 448 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N13. Further information from Fr. Malcolm Gray on (081) 360-2947.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

de MORPURGO - The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan has been arranged for Thursday May 9th at 12 noon at the Chapel of the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3. The Chaplain The Reverend Peter Speck officiating.

HOBHOUSE - A *Memorial* Service for the life and work of Janet Hobhouse will be held at St Mary-le-Strand Church, London WC2, on Wednesday April 24th at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

FRANKLIN - David. In gratitude for the wonderful life you gave us, and the inspiring example you set. Myrtle, Veronica, Shirley, Nigel and Stephen.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER OF PW DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
(formerly PLEASUREWORLD *DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10-18 Union Street, Southwark, London, SE1 1SZ, on Tuesday 30 April 1991 at 10.30 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Unsecured creditors of the above company may obtain copies of this report after 30 April 1991 free of charge from the Joint Administrative Receivers, Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, Southwark, London, SE1 9QL.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of *Rule* 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that:
a. he has given to the administrative receiver not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and.
b. there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Dated this 10th day of April 1991
JF Soden
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER OF BKF LEISURE LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER OF AQUA-LEISURE LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

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IN THE MATTER OF BURE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER OF *PW WORLD LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP) (formerly)* PLEASUREWORLD LIMITED)

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Dated this 10th day of April 1991
JF Soden
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

ACESETTERS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA and STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Monday, 8th April, 1991 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a A Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating dated 17th July, 1987.

Dated the 8th day of April 1991
K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
and S.D. SWADEN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

ACHORWARD LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Trading As MARTEL
Company *Number*: 1694781

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA and KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 10th April, 1991 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed & Floating charge dated 7th May, 1987.

Dated the 10th day of April 1991
S.D. SWADEN, FCA and
K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF ROSSMORE ENGINEERING LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Post House Hotel, Herbert Walker Avenue, Southampton, SO1 OHJ on *Monday* 29 April 1991 at 10.15 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

CREDITORS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING: 1) THE MEETING IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING A LIQUIDATOR TO THE COMPANY

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b. there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

The motion to be put before the meeting is the appointment and constitution of the receivership creditors' committee under S.49 *Insolvency Act 1986*.

Dated this 15th day of April 1991
PS Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Rossmore Engineering Limited
(In Receivership)

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF FOURWAYS HANDLING SYSTEMS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

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Dated this 15th day of April 1991
PS Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Fourways Handling Systems Limited (In Receivership)

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF REAL FLAME LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

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Dated this 15th day of April 1991
PS Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Real Flame Limited
(In Receivership)

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ON THIS DAY

APRIL 18 — 1866

George Peabody (1795-1869), an American born merchant, gave more than £1 million for the benefit of the working classes of London. A statue of him in Threadneedle Street commemorates his philanthropy.

MR. PEABODY AT GUILDHALL

Yesterday Mr. George Peabody, the eminent benefactor of the deserving poor of London, attended at Guildhall, accompanied by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, at the request of the managing committee, to distribute the prizes gained by the successful *competitors* at the Working Classes Industrial Exhibition, which has been held there for some weeks.

Mr. PEABODY, who was greeted with acclamations, said:-

My Lord Mayor, Ladies, and Gentlemen, — I beg to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the kind expressions which the Lord Mayor has just used towards me. I assure you there is no man who feels such language with more sensibility or gratitude than I do, and I can assure you I am *extremely* thankful and complimented by the kind manner in which you have received the flattering remarks which have just emanated from my *friend* the Lord Mayor.

Contrary to my expectations, I am on the eve of my departure from these shores, to discharge a *duty* your kindness has called me to. Though a stranger to you, and of another country, you were pleased to intimate to me that my presence among you this day would give you satisfaction (cheers), and on my part I am bound to say that while I have been constrained to decline many invitations recently addressed to me, I have reserved to myself with peculiar satisfaction the opportunity of meeting the working men of London, whose representatives you are, in the midst of the scene of their honourable rivalry and the display of their most meritorious achievements. (Cheers).

Such successfu competition as that which meets its due reward this day must be productive of the highest advantage to the people at large, and all classes of the community derive a *benefit* from the elevating tendency of the persistent industry and skill displayed in the construction of these works of art which are now about to receive *the* token of public commendation. Springing as I do from the people, and owning with you the Anglo-Saxon stock, I unfeignedly rejoice in this fresh *evidence* of the *advancement* of the industrial classes in the dignity of labour and in those habits of self-reliance and honest independence which ennoble any people, and afford the surest guarantee of the true prosperity and moral greatness of any country. (Cheers)

It is true that these prizes which I am about to distribute are the just reward of your own *personal efforts*, but I hope you will allow me to remind you that in receiving your certificate of undoubted merit you will accept it also as an acknowlegment made by you in this century which will be productive of good *and redound* to the advantage of future generations, who must profit by your laudable exertions in the field of scientific research, and in the open workshop of a nation's *constructive* skill. (Cheers). Should the Great Disposer of all event give to me the happiness of returning to this country, I hope to see the complete success of projects designed by me for the permanent welfare of the deserving poor of this metropolis (loud cheers), and I may then enjoy further opportunities of intercourse with those in whose welfare and happiness I *have so great* an interest. (Renewed and prolonged cheers.)

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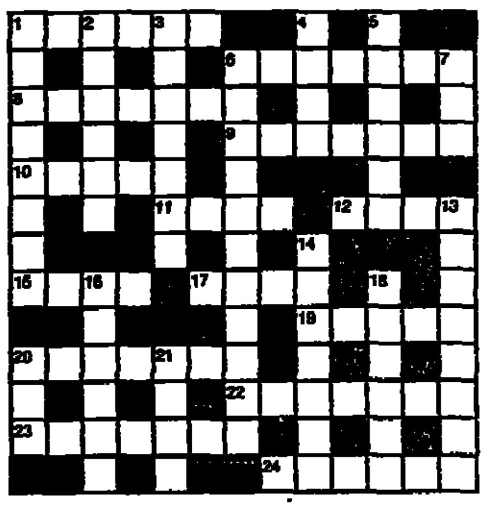

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES (15): Brian DePalma's shrivelled cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer shot down by fate.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ HIGHLANDER II — THE QUICKENING (15): Dismal sequel to the 1986 fantasy with time-traveller Christopher Lambert facing new adversaries. Sean Connery injects a modest twinkle into the gloom.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ IMPROMPTU (12): Impish comedy about George Sand's tempestuous courtship of Chopin. At times too boisterous, mostly pleasing. James Lapine directs Judy Davis, Hugh Grant.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

THE MIRACLE (15): Lukewarm Oedipal whimsy from Neil Jordan about an Irish teenager's romantic fantasies. With Beverly D'Angelo and two fresh teenagers (Niall Byrne, Lorraine Pilkington).
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Steadily mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Patrick Bergin; director, Joseph Ruben.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-497 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano, director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy, director, Peter Weir.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller, director, John Schlesinger.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo; director, Simon Wincer.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

VINTAGE CLASSICS

Crime and mayhem at the Museum tonight, when the "Made in London" series of vintage British films presents *Bulldog Drummond at Bay* (1937). John Lodge stars as the suave sleuth. The season continues every Tuesday and Thursday until July 4.
Museum of London (071-600 3699), 6.10pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical; great singing and packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☐ CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: Two Bogdanov productions for English Shakespeare Company: a bewildering *Coriolanus* set in Eastern Europe, a more rewarding *Tale*. Strong performances by Michael Pennington in both.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. *Coriolanus*: tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, *Winter's Tale*, Sat, 7.30pm. Running times: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes*. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Olivier Award winner for "Play of the Year".
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic. Last week.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

▨ A JAMAICAN AIRMAN FORESEES HIS DEATH: Black RAF volunteers scuppered by Scottish racism in second world war: nicely acted though over literary.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 25mins. Closes April 27.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ KEELY'S MOTHER: Grimly flamboyant piece arguing that eating schoolgirls is wrong: mother love and revenge in an East End playground.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Underground: Sloane Square. Tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm. In repertory with *The False Count* and *Approaching Zanzibar*.

☐ THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FANNY HILL: Red Shift's sexually explicit but misfiring attack on pornography.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). British Rail: Clapham Junction. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes Sunday.

☐ THE LUCKY SPOT: Funny, stylish comedy by Beth Henley, set in a seedy Louisiana dance hall. Worth seeking out.
Attic, The Ballroom, 103 Broadway, SW19 (081-542 6141). Underground: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes April 27.

▨ MATADOR: The rise and fall of The Boy from Nowhere. Great dancing, staging, and sets but a wonky second half guts the show. With John Barrowman, Stefanie Powers.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family. Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes April 27.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder: Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Closes April 27.

■ RICHARD III: Olivier Award-winner Ian McKellen's chilling dictator in a Thirties setting: Richard Eyre's production returns after its world tour.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mat Sat, 1pm. Running time: 3hrs 30mins.

▨ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

▨ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Final week.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes June 1.

▨ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ What the Butler Saw: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

BLACK SNOW: Previews begin for a new play by Keith Dewhurst, adapted from Russian writer Mikhail Bulgakov's 1936 satirical comedy about theatre censorship in Moscow. Directed by William Gaskill — who directed the acclaimed production of Pirandello's *Man, Beast and Virtue* at the National in 1989.
Cottesloe Theatre, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: A triple bill includes Balanchine's exhilaratingly taut *Agon*, Ashton's *A Month in the Country* (with Sylvie Guillem and Laurent Hilaire) and MacMillan's *Requiem* set to Fauré's score.
Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

CAROL KIDD: The Scottish singer easily deserves a place among the best jazz singers.
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 9pm.

THE LONDON BACH SOCIETY: Tenor Ian Partridge, violinist Simon Standage and soprano Patrizia Kwella feature in an all-Bach concert directed by Nicholas Kraemer.
St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, London EC1 (no phone), 7.30pm.

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Christoph von Dohnanyi conducts Mozart's Adagio and Fugue K546, Honegger's Third Symphony and Dvorak's Ninth.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

DOUBLE IMAGE: The chamber ensemble dedicated to promoting new and neglected works gives the first performance of Erika Fox's *On visiting Stravinsky's grave at San Michele* and David Camm's *Night Music*.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

THE SALANESCU QUARTET: The Quartet gives the world premiere of Japanese composer Jo Kondo's new String Quartet.
Phoenix Arts Centre, Newarke Street, Leicester (0533 555627), 8pm.

Falstaff in earnest . . .

THEATRE

Henry IV Part I
RST, Stratford

DONALD COOPER

Royalty meets rebels: Michael Maloney (left), Rob Edwards and Robert Stephens in *Henry IV Part I*

THIS is Adrian Noble's first production since he took over the RSC's orb and sceptre, and it is one which suggests that, whatever the company may lack during his reign, it will not be intelligence, subtlety or feeling for language. Perhaps significantly, there is something casual and cursory about the purely physical comedy of the scene in which Falstaff robs the Kent travellers, only to be unrobbed by Hal. Certainly, there is no doubting the finesse of the teasing post-mortem that follows, or of their next encounter: the prince and his favourite wittily play-acting his impending confrontation with the king.

There is much play-acting here. Robert Stephens' Falstaff does a comical imitation of Michael Maloney's Hal, who in turn cruelly mimicks Julian Glover's King at his most plummily sombre. Again, Maloney has different accents for the pub and for the patrolling sheriff, whom he greets in spoof-Sandhurst tones. Even Owen Teale's bold Hotspur has a mean vocal line on Glendower, among others. Whether or not the text asks it, everybody seems able to put on funny voices at the expense of everyone else.

This is so marked it must be deliberate policy on Noble's part. But why? Perhaps merely to add to the evening's humour or to emphasise the characters' relatively sophisticated sense of fun. Or perhaps to bring out the amount of role-playing to be found in the play. After all, many characters have their hidden agendas: the rebels, Hal's retinue, the prince himself.

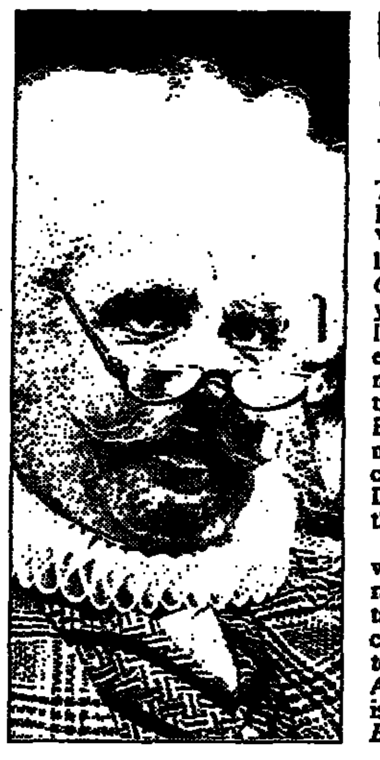
The last is the evening's prime emphasis. Maloney's Hal is a good, energetic fellow, and genuinely cares for Falstaff. But his most private monologue is packed with what might, paradoxically, be called an intensely mystical longing for admiration, fame and glory. It is equally evident that Peto has his ambitions, and that there is a deadly jealousy between Poins and Falstaff. There is a surreptitious battle for the heart of the prince and, through him, for Britain. The likeliest to gain is, of course, Falstaff, in Stephens' wonderful performance much more a droll, canny observer of himself and others than the carousing jester of tradition. Perhaps the reading edges too far towards wry sobriety. This Falstaff would never have spent six shillings on sack to a halfpenny on bread, as the text claims. Again, the great speech on honour almost becomes a Socratic dialogue. But there is no missing Stephens' emotional force when, in that celebrated play-acting scene, he gets a hint of his coming rejection. He dives at the prince, half-blubbing out his plea that everyone but him be banished. There, unforgettably, is the character's desperation for friendship and power.

Until Eastcheap unfolds, the staging is simple, a matter of backing a throne with a vast cross or importing a few stark chairs. Then, suddenly, we are confronted with something beyond a mere red-light district. There are red sofas, tables and stairs and, cut into a vast red wall, a red upper-room in which a whore is absently-mindedly serving a priest. As for the battle scenes, they begin excitingly, with both armies rising from the stage's bowels in a huge pyramid of heaving chivalry. But can we have better fighting in *Henry IV Part II*?

If *Part I* is anything to go by, we can expect still more complexities from Stephens, Maloney and Glover, a Henry IV who begins the evening full of confidence and zeal and ends it wanly clutching at his evidently dicky heart. I for one can hardly wait.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

. . . and Falstaff in pantomime



Bawd as trim old gent: Falstaff (Gordon Sandison).

OPERA

Falstaff
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

THIS may be Scottish Opera, but Ian Judge's new production of Verdi's comedy is decisively English. Rather as he did with *The Comedy of Errors* at Stratford last year, Judge has created a world loud with mid-20th-century references, which include the nudges, nods, winks and other slickly timed movements of a very English comic style. If it were needed, the programme offers a clue to this, though its allusions to Donald McGill are less apposite than the still from *Terry and June*.

Falstaff becomes a Jimmy Edwards figure, and the Garter Inn a rather smart hotel, imposing certain standards of dress on its clientele: even Bardolph and Pistol are in plus fours, plaids and Argyll socks, while Falstaff's page is a Bunter lookalike, reading the *Beano* between items of tuck.

Mark Thompson's set is excellent for the opening scene, but it provides no effective change of place for Ford's house or for the final scene in the park, where the chandeliers, mirror ceiling, doorways, grand staircase and upper landing all convey a dislocation way beyond the scope of this production. More consistently successful are Thompson's costumes, a lively parade of discords between Elizabethan and modern dress. Fenton, for instance, sports a royal-blue jacket halfway between doublet and blazer, while the other men have ruffs jammed over essentially 20th-century clothes; and the women's crinolines are made up in 1950s prints.

It is all very smart, bright and tidy. There is no trace of dirt and heedless self-indulgence slopping around this Falstaff, who is already such a trim old gent at the start that when he comes on attired for his wooing he has to appear wildly over the top. And at the start of Act III he is presented not drenched with river water but soaking himself in a hot bath. It seems unlikely that such a jolly codger represents any kind of sexual threat, and Gordon Sandison, perhaps bounded by the persona given him, does not suggest much physical energy in his singing, which is brushed in lightly and sometimes waywardly.

There are, however, some excellent vocal performances. Steven Page is an excellent Ford, deeply dark in tone and absolutely emphatic; he also nimbly cuts in the comic possibilities of his disguise without losing an ounce of his power and seriousness. John Mark Ainsley and Susannah Waters make a very personable pair of young lovers: it is a delight to hear Ainsley's lovely singing in the theatre, and Waters, too, is youthfully fresh, with her own bubbling agility.

Maria Prosperi, the only native Italian in the cast, uses the language more wittily and lusciously than her companions, and contributes a spirited, brightly sung Alice. But when everybody else in the cast is British, and when this is such a genial pantomime of a production, it does seem odd to hear it sung in Italian.

John Mauceri in the pit seems to be trying to stimulate an orchestra which responds only with odd moments of beauty or elan.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

THEATRE

Matador
Queen's

IF BIZET'S original story for *Carmen Jones* is included in the tally, this is the third musical with a Spanish theme to open in a week and, as its title indicates, the bullfighter this time is not the bully boy but the hero: Domingo Hernandez, *El Niño de la Nada*, or The Boy From Nowhere.

His rise from a nowhere village in Andalucia is thrillingly staged by Elijah Moshinsky against a succession of William Dudley's spectacular sets. A bull ring opens out to become a steep hill-town; a grove of moonlit trees gives place to a horizon of pasture, and from the towering silhouette of a black bull the six dancers who personify this animal advance upon the raw young matador.

Arlene Phillips is credited with the overall choreography but the flamenco dances for the bull men are the work of Rafael Aguilar. With upraised arms held forward, the dancers approach in their tight phalanx, turn, stamp heels or pause with toes poised on the ground like the point of a hoof. In their presence the glamour of a bullfight and, though I hate to say so, its glory, seizes the imagination.

The other dancing is hardly less arresting. Village women, crashing pebbles together for emphasis, enact the atrocities of the civil war while the brass section of the orchestra zigzags up the scale. Hooded penitents, Moorish maids and orange-sellers weave amongst each other (a mite kitschy, this) to suggest the richness that is Spain. The orchestration of Michael Leander's music is also ingenious — note the sound of steam punctuating the melody when Domingo and his pal Tomas (Alexander Hanson) are sheltering in railway sidings.

For the first half the story is workmanlike, not too fettered with clichés, and Edward Seago's lyrics contain clever half-rhymes. The hero's rise is told from the point of view of the disillusioned Tomas, and then Nicky Henson, Domingo's would-be Svengali, takes over. But what happens after the interval? Stefanie Powers arrives, playing a Hollywood film star power-dressed in heliotrope, and utters fearful banalities aimed at showing our hero that shedding blood is horrible.

The drama collapses, and John Barrowman, who has a toreador's shape and his sulky grin, and who sings "A Boy from Nowhere" as though he truly feels it, must take on the role of representative of the oppressed. I hesitate to suggest leaving at the interval, but the evening will seem better by so doing.

JEREMY KINGSTON

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

INDURATE
(a) Hard, unfeeling, from the past participle of the Latin *indurare*, to make hard, hence in transferred use for hard-heartedness: "They are as indurate as Pharaoh." "Nothing but indurate cynicism can account for it."

SPHYGMIC
(b) Pertaining to the pulse, or the knowledge and doctrine of the pulse, from the Greek *sphygmos* a pulse: "The ignorance of the Europeans in the sphygmic science."

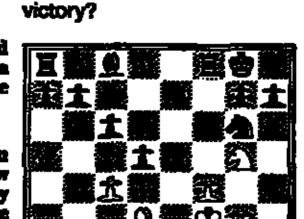
GALIMATIAS
(b) Confused language, meaningless talk, origin obscure, first recorded in the 16th century: "Now it seemed to me that Mr C. had no opinions, only words, for his assertions seemed a mere galimatias."

SCROD
(a) A young cod weighing less than 3lb, especially one that is split and fried or boiled, from the Middle Dutch *schrode* a piece cut off: "Supplied with a few ship biscuit [sic], a dried scrod, and a bottle of good swizzle."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Glucksberg — Najdorf, Warsaw 1935. What is Black's most direct route to victory?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford and guests discuss mixed race adoption and fostering 9.50 Dish of the Day. Cookery ideas
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays. Programme for the under fives (r) 10.25 Bunyip (r) 10.35 She's the Sheriff. Comedy adventures of the glamorous silver-starred law-woman (r)
11.00 News and weather 11.05 People Today. The programme from around Britain, including, today, a medical phone-in
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club. Keep fit and looking good 12.20 Scene Today. Today's guests include *Paul Eddington and his daughter* Gemma, who directs him in a new play, *The Double Dealer*; Frank Stallone, brother of Sylvester; and Maynard Eziashi, Silver Bear award winner at the Berlin film festival 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Fast-paced quiz show

Scandal-mongering: Richard Dysart, Jane Alexander (2.15pm)

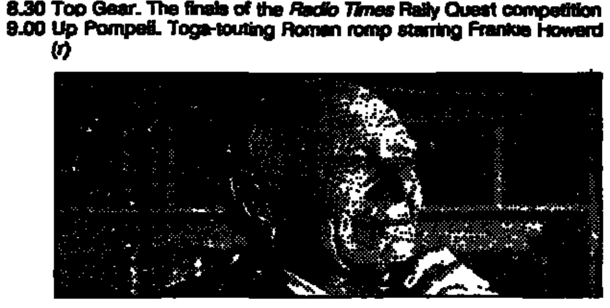
2.15 Film: Malice in Wonderland (1985). *Made-for-television movie* about rival gossip columnists Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper, played to the hilt by Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Alexander respectively. The two scrawled their way to the top of Hollywood scandal-mongering in the Thirties and Forties. This movie focuses on the feud between the two who started out as friends but became bitter rivals, whose battles often took up more column inches than the gossip they wrote. With Richard Dysart as Louis B. Mayer, the head of MGM. Directed by Gus Trikonis
3.50 Pingu. Cartoon adventures of a lovable penguin (r) 3.55 Mick and Mac. Children's comedy with Michael Barrymore (r) 4.05 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. More action from the crime-busting bear (r) 4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode six of the 12-part children's drama serial (r) 4.35 Tricky Business. Comedy *and magic with Bernie Clifton*
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. Magazine series for children presented by Yvette Fielding, Diane Louise-Jordan and John Leslie. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Jakki Brambles
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World. A report on the use of artificial blood, an invention that has existed since 1977 though surgeons are only now finding uses for it in operations such as the de-clogging of blocked arteries. Will it be of use in the future? In smog-choked Seoul, traffic congestion is one of the big problems; Howard Stableford visits an innovative car-park which saves space and parks cars through computer technology and machines
8.30 Russ Abbott. Mad-cap comedy with Russ and his character inventions: Cooperman makes an appearance, as does Noël Coward, silver-tongued singer Ronnie Ross, and Russ's trousers are giving him grief (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Where Your Face is Known
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour party
9.10 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather
9.40 Open All Hours. More laughs with the stingy, stuttering corner store owner Arkwright (Ronnie Barker) who goes to a wedding with Nurse Gladys (Lynda Baron), who insists on airing his mothball-smelling attire out of the window . . . (r). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers
10.10 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The guests include Detta O'Cathain, managing director of the Barbican, and MPs Sir Cyril Smith and Bryan Gould
11.10 Heartbeat: Bivouac Babies. When an old-fashioned midwife is temporarily given access to the facilities of the clean-cut LA women's clinic, a war of medical principles ensues with the head of centre Joanne (Kate Mulgrew). Chaos and bigotry disrupt the whole clinic and divide the staff in this issue-related medical drama series
12.00 Weather

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Film: Mexican Spitfire's Baby (1941, b/w). Lupe Velez plays the fiery Latin whirlwind, Carmelita, central character in a series of comedy adventures featuring her and her American family. Directed by Leslie Goodwins
10.05 Film: Ten Days in Paris (1939, b/w). Rex Harrison stars as a rich playboy in Paris who is suffering from amnesia. Directed by Tim Whelan
11.25 Film: Swiss Miss (1938, b/w). Laurel and Hardy play a couple of mouse-trap salesmen plying their trade in Switzerland. Includes the famous scene with a piano and an ape on a narrow bridge over a ravine. Directed by John G. Blystone
12.35 After Hours. Entertaining American magazine series
12.55 Backroads. A drama series about a young run-away (r)
1.20 Bump (r) 1.25 Animal Fair (r) 1.35 Look Stranger: The Whispering Poet. A profile of lakeland poet Norman Nicholson (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by Australia: From Woy Woy to Wagga Wagga. Spike Milligan takes a trip across Australia (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Call My Bluff. Word quiz (r)
4.30 Plunder. Muriel Gray rifles the BBC archives for her favourite television moments
5.00 News followed by Film 91 with Barry Norman (r)
5.30 The Vet: Beyond the Surgery (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Carry On Up the Khyber (1968). Glorious spoof of the Northwest Frontier action movies. With the Carry On team practically intact. Directed by Gerald Thomas (Ceefax)
7.30 First Sight. Turning the Tide. Ken Cooper reports on the threat of coastal erosion. (Ceefax) Wales: Gardening Together. Northern Ireland: Open All Hours. England: South West — Western Approach; Midlands: Midlands Report; West: Current Account; North: Close Up North
8.00 Floyd on Oz: Tasmania.

● CHOICE: Still looking for the ultimate in rich heiresses in Australia, and failing to find one for the good reason that he's far too busy cooking up the ultimate in rich foods, Keith Floyd has tonight moved on from New South Wales to Tasmania. He wants, he says, to paint a picture of the state on a plate, and does it by employing the most exotic colours on his palette. At one stage, he comes within an ace of dropping both plate and palette. Stir-frying a wokfull of abelones (juicy-looking shellfish) in his Hobart hotel bedroom, he sets off the smoke alarm and the local fire-fighters come wailing to the rescue and duly end up on film. Other delights enjoyed by him include venison fillets, golden mushrooms, barbecued sea trout and a chunk of the 50lb tuna fish he hooks and lands. He can still find absolutely nothing to say against Australian wines, even when they are called Dingo's Bottom. (Ceefax)

8.30 Top Gear. The finals of the *Radio Times* Rally Quest competition
9.00 Up Pompeii. Toga-touting Roman romp starring Frankie Howerd (r)



Taking a mid-air flight of fancy: Malcolm Muggeridge (9.30pm)

9.30 40 Minutes: Suburbs in the Sky.

● CHOICE: Instead of the obliquely relevant suburban tag that Chris Petit has fixed to his kaleidoscopic film about air hostesses, he should have chosen something like *Smiling Through* because rarely have there been so many television close-ups of gleaming and beaming sets of ivories. However, Petit is far too intelligent a film-maker (though surprisingly this is only his first documentary) to forget about the salt which is at the other end of the scale from the sugar. Though he spares us the visual reality, he reminds us that stewardesses can get swollen ankles and stomachs because of cabin pressure, and there is an uncalled-for outburst from Malcolm Muggeridge who, in mid-air, reflects on what a wonderful idea it would be to kill an air hostess in the interests of humanity, presumably because he thought one hostess looked as much like another as a California hamburger looked like a New York hamburger. A *40 Minutes* that flashes by like ten. (Ceefax)

10.10 Staggering Stories of Ferdinand De Bargos: Of Loaves and Morris Dancers. Surreal comic stories
10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour party
10.40 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow
11.25 The Late Show. Includes a review of Kitty Kelley's biography of Nancy Reagan 12.05am Weather
12.10am Open University: Gallium Arsenide: Pulled from Obscurity. Ends at 12.45am

ITV

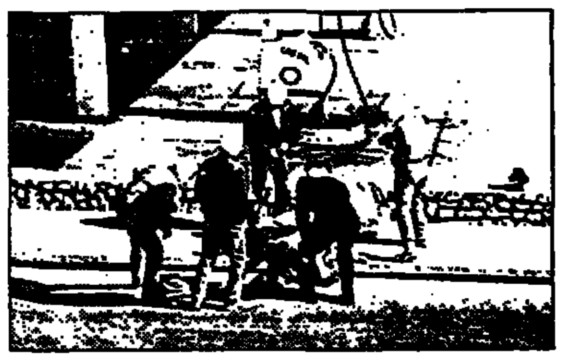
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association games with Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion hosted by John Stapleton
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by husband-and-wife team Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet show
12.30 News and weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond and Barry Took go behind the scenes of popular television 2.50 Jumble. Jeff Stevenson presents the anagram quiz with celebrity guests Mark Curry and Lorna Dallas
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 Art Attack. Neil Buchanan hosts the innovative art show for children 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales. Cartoon 4.40 Streetwise. Children's drama series
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News and weather. (Oracle)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of Youth Crime Prevention panels
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Rural soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Survival: The Tide of War. The tragedy of the Gulf oil slicks was symbolised by news pictures of dying cormorants, but the ecological implications are far wider and longer term. *Survival* asks how long the Gulf will take to recover from the world's greatest environmental catastrophe. (Oracle)
8.00 The Bill: Hammer to Fall. More fast-paced police action from the inner-city Sun Hill constabulary. The CID are still jumpy after the visit of the Serious Crime Squad investigating their part in the shooting of a key witness. When information about the killer is leaked, DCI Reid (Carolyn Pickles) lays a trap to catch him. (Oracle)

Nuclear revelations: Vladimir M. Chernousenko (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: Cover Up at Chernobyl. The world's worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl sent waves of radiation across Europe and devastated a vast area of land around the reactor. *This Week* talks to Vladimir M. Chernousenko, a top physicist who organised the emergency operations after the accident in 1986, examines the continuing cover-up of the plant's design defects and their catastrophic consequences, and reveals how the lives of young troops were sacrificed as they removed highly radioactive debris by hand. (Oracle)
9.00 World Championship Boxing: WBO Middleweight Title. Chris Eubank v Gary Stretch live from London's Olympia. With ringside commentary from Reg Gutteridge and Jim Wyatt
9.50 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour party
10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather. 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The City Programme. Will the Scottish Electricity incentives attract investors in the south?
11.10 01. Includes a review of the latest film version of *Hamlet*, and an interview with its star Mel Gibson and director Franco Zeffirelli
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Camp Australian soap set behind the bars of a women's detention centre
12.30am A Problem Aired. Trevor Ward and Susy Smith present the counselling programme for viewers, with sound advice from Dr John Cobb
1.00 Monte Carlo. First part of a glossy but empty mini-series starring Joan Collins as a glamorous Russian chanteuse who during the second world war mixes with the champagne set in Monte Carlo while spying for the British Secret Service. Also starring George Hamilton, Robert Carradine, Lauren Hutton and Lisa Eilbacher (r)
3.00 Hardball. John Ashton and Richard Tyson star as maverick cops Charlie and Kaz
4.00 Three's Company. American sitcom starring John Ritter
4.30 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem and Tommy Puett (r)
5.00 Videofashion. A preview of spring/summer 1991 fashions from London designers (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Argentine Nights (1940, b/w). Lively but somewhat ridiculous musical comedy starring the Andrews Sisters (their screen debut) and the Ritz Brothers (as their managers) fleeing to South America to escape the clutches of angry creditors. Accompanied by Constance Moore and her orchestra, the troupe settle into a small hotel only to find themselves mixed up with some conmen. Directed by Albert S. Rogell
10.50 Hamilton in the Music Festival. Cartoon adventures of the musical elephant
11.00 Eid Mubarak. A celebration to mark the end of Ramadan
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily introduced by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Learning made fun for children of pre-school age
2.00 On the March: The Power of Pictures. Series compiled from the archives of the cinema magazine *The March of Time* continues with two 1935 stories on President Roosevelt's New Deal (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz show presented by William G. Stewart
5.00 The Adventures of TinTin. The final episode of *Shooting Star* (r)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Murder or Cot Death? In one tragic family, four out of six children died. Their parents attribute the deaths to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, but they are challenged by an expert who believes this to be impossible. A disturbing discussion about a sensitive and emotive subject
6.00 The Time Tunnel: One Way to the Moon. Sixties American science-fiction series about two men (James Darren and Robert Colbert) trapped in the fourth dimension. In this episode they find themselves ten years into the future on board a Mars-bound spaceship.
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow. (Teletext)
7.50 A – Z of Censorship: M is for Madness. Music or Marginalisation?
8.00 Spaceship Earth. Feast or Famine? Satellite pictures of the Earth are combined with film shot from around the world to present a global geography of our environment. This programme looks at *human land-use and how once-fertile areas have been reduced to* arid desert. Narrated by Ian Holm. (Teletext)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. The impish Richard O'Brien speeds another group of young people through the troublesome maze.



Controversial: reconstruction of the Gibraltar shootings (9.30pm)

9.30 Banned. Death on the Rock

● CHOICE: So long as IRA terrorism continues, so long as broadcasters go on demanding the right for the public to know, and so long as governments keep on insisting that nothing must be done to show the security forces in an unfavourable light, the dust will not settle on the three-year-old controversy over Thames Television's *Death on the Rock*, Roger Bolton's documentary about the 1988 shooting of three IRA terrorists by the SAS. It would have been unthinkable not to include it in Channel 4's current *Banned* series. In fact, *Banned* could almost have been devised with nothing more, initially, than *Death on the Rock* in mind, because the Independent Broadcasting Authority rejected a "don't show it" appeal by Sir Geoffrey Howe, foreign secretary at the time. Ludovic Kennedy, long-time campaigner against miscarriages of justice, believes that when people see the film again, they will ask themselves what the fuss was all about. True, though not *all* the people . . .

10.30 Banned: Film — All My Good Countrymen (1968). The Communist regime in Czechoslovakia banned this feature for almost 20 years and apart from one screening at the National Film Theatre last year this is its first British showing. The film details the lives of the inhabitants of a small Moravian town over 20 years from the late Forties, showing their loves, conflicts, hardships and victories. The various characters include a farmer, a chemist, an inventor and the local "merry widow". With Radoslav Brzobohaty, Vladimir Mensik and Vlastimil Brodsky. Directed by Vojtech Jasny
12.45am A Week in Politics – Late Sitting includes a discussion on the relationship between the state and the Church of England. Among those taking part is Tony Benn, MP. Ends at 2.15

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Go Fishing 11.15 Widows 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Donahue 1.35 Sans Borders 2.00 Film: The Pride of the Yankees 4.30-5.30 Bedrock

BORDER

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.40 Hooperman 12.05 The Equalizer 1.00 Film: Embassy 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Night Beat 4.15 The Comedy Store 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 10.40 Married...With Children 11.10 1st Night 11.40 Dirty Dancing 12.40 Sledge Hammer! 1.35 Video View 2.10 Up the Junction 2.55 Word of Mouth 3.25 America's Top Ten 3.55 Bedrock 4.55-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 What's New 11.10 Families 12.05 The Equalizer 1.00 Film: Embassy 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Showaddywaddy 4.15 Comedy Store 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55-5.30 Jobs

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 West This Week 11.25 Weekend Outlook 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Film: Rear Window 2.45 Guldenberg Inheritance 3.40 Quiz Night 4.10 Video View 4.35-5.30 Silk Road

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.40 Wales This Week 11.10-11.40 Coming of Age

TSW

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Politics South West 11.10 Film: Deadly Blessing 1.00 Film: Embassy 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Night Beat 4.15 The Comedy Store 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The Way Out 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 The Sun Also Rises 1.50 The World of Golf 2.20 Film: The Second Coming of Suzanne 3.55 The Twilight Zone 4.10 Beyond 2000 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 New Voices 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 The Equalizer 1.00 Film: Embassy 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Night Beat 4.15 The Comedy Store 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Ulster Schools' Quiz 7.30-8.00 Counterpoint 10.45 Money Talks 11.15 The World of Golf 11.45 Derry Media Access 12.05 The Equalizer 1.00 Film: Embassy 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Night Beat 4.15 The Comedy Store 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 Time Please! 11.40 Film: Glory Days 1.30 Night Heat 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.55 CinemAttractions 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: A Man About the House* 12.05 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Spaceship Earth 2.30 C4 Racing from Newmarket 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Cantod 7.30 Byw Mlaen 8.00 Wedio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Pelydr X 9.30 The Truth About Lies 10.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out 11.00 Absolutely 11.45 Frontline — The Search for Truth in Wartime 12.45 A Week in Politics 2.15 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: *12.45pm Dail Report 1.00 News* 1.35 Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Carson's Law 5.20 Red and Blue 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Green Fingers 8.05 Father Dowling 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Challenging Times 10.40 The Real McCoy 11.05 The Hitchhiker 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.35pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Cursaí 7.35 Head of the Class 8.00 News followed by Grand Ole Opry 8.30 Marketplace 9.00 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd 9.30 News followed by Knots Landing 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report 11.45 Close

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring: RPO under Beecham); Haydn (Sinfonia concertante in B flat, H 1 105: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mussorgsky (Scherzo in B flat: LSO under Abbado); Rachmaninov (In the Silence of the Night; In My Soul; Fate: Paata Burchuladze, bass, Ludmila Ivanova, piano); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Little Russian: Oslo PO under Jansons)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: The Scarlattis. A. Scarlatti (Concerto grosso in F); D. Scarlatti (Sonata in D minor, Kk 141); A. Scarlatti (Concerto in A minor for recorder, two violins and continuo); D. Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk 287-8); A. Scarlatti (Gloria, St Cecilia Mass)
9.35 Aus Wien: Beethoven (12 German Dances, WoO 8 Nos 2, 3 and 8: Vienna Mozart Ensemble under *Boskovsky*); Haydn (Quartet in G, Op 77 No 1: Quatuor Mosaïques); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K 467: London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis, with Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich); Bruckner (Mass No 2 in E minor: BBC Singers, Members of the BBC SO under Nicholas Cleobury); Beethoven (11 Mödling Dances, WoO 17: Vienna Mozart Ensemble under Willi Boskovsky)
11.30 Concert from Leeds: BBC PO under En Shao, with Ruth Waterman, violin, performs Debussy (La Mer); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat)
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Studio 1. The pianist Jonathan Plowright plays Scriabin (Sonata No 2 in G sharp minor, Op 19); Chopin (Mazurkas: in A minor, Op 17 No 4; in B flat minor, Op 24 No 4; in C sharp minor, Op 63 No 3); Janáček (Sonata 1.X.1905, From the Street); Chopin (Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47)
2.00 Souvenirs of Chabrier: Chabrier and Opera. The third of five programmes in which Roger Nichols re-evaluates the art of Emmanuel Chabrier (r)
2.45 Ulster Orchestra under Robin Page performs Kraus (Overture, Olympie); Lidholm (Music for strings); Nielsen (Symphony No 1 in G minor)
3.50 Swansea Festival 1990: Gabrieli String Quartet, with Kun Woo Paik, piano, performs Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, K 458, Hunt); Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34)
4.55 Sophie Yates plays the Hatley Virginals at Fenton House. William Tisdale (Pavana Chromatica, Mrs Katherin Tregian); Thomas Tomkins (Barafostus's Dream); William Byrd (John Come Kiss Me Now; The Woods So Wild); John Bull (Chromatic Pavan and Galliard, Queen Elizabeth's Pavan) (r)
6.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The pianist John Lill talks to Michael Hall
7.30 L'occasione fa il ladro: Lausanne CO under Bruno Campanella performs Rossini's one-act comedy. Sung in Italian. With Amelia Felle, soprano, as Berenice; and J. Patrick Raftery, baritone, as Don Parmenione
9.10 The Great Mutation, by Primo Levi. Isabella, an Italian villager, grows wings and learns to fly (r)
9.20 Falla, Debussy and Ravel: The pianist Paul Roberts plays Falla (Fantasia baetica); Debussy (La Soirée dans Grenade; La Sérénade interrompue; La Puerta del vino); Ravel (Alborada del gracioso) (r)
9.55 Music in Our Time: Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez, with Stephen Varcoe, baritone, performs Param Vir (Contrapulse — first UK broadcast); Nigel Osborne (I Am Goya); Michael Berkeley (Entertaining Master Punch — BBC commission, first performance); George Newson (Seven Poets from Northern Ireland)
11.00 The Glass Enclosure. The second of four programmes on the jazz pianist Bud Powell (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Sibelius (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues
9.45 Laughing God: No Laughing Matter. The first of three talks in which Colin Morris examines the religious significance of humour (s)
10.02 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm examine the world of the jellyfish
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 Work Talks (new series): Ferdinand Dennis talks to five people with a colonial past. This week, the actor Norman Beaton, who was born in Guyana (s)
11.50 First Person: The actress Indra Ové considers the horrors and highlights of an audition (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Margaret Collins
12.25pm Second Thoughts: Room with a Queue, by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Kathleen Griffin investigates the history and the hype of fashion models
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 News; The 1957 Class Prefects Reunion (LW only), by Alasdair Campbell. The settling of old scores and the re-kindling of old flames are on the menu when Chrisann (Maureen Beattie) and Donalda (Jennifer Piercey) organise a Craigton High School reunion after 34 years
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Jane Gardam about her new novel, *The Queen of the Tambourine* and Sara Wheeler selects paperback reading for spring
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Nicholas Shrimpton reviews the RSC's production of *Henry IV, Part One* at Stratford; the director David Thacker talks about his production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*; and Dame Peggy Ashcroft discusses her role in Tom Stoppard's play on Radio 3 next Sunday, *In a Native State* (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Trivia Test Match: Another test of wit and general knowledge (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Ustinov in Leningrad: Peter Ustinov, 70 this week, revisits the city where he was *born* (r)
8.00 Shock Waves: The Accused. Those named in official enquiries as in some way responsible for two tragedies, the Summerland fire of 1973 and the Herald of Free Enterprise capsize in 1987, discuss their feelings with Jenny Cuffe (2 of 3)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 *A Book at Bedtime: Do Angels Wear Brassieres?* by Olive Senior (1 of 2)
11.00 Radio Cars

● CHOICE: There are certainly comic possibilities in the idea of an upper class gel called Angela inheriting a mini cab firm from her late uncle. Writer Jennifer Phillips sets about exploring them with a colourful cast of characters. Angela (Harriet Walter) speaks like the Queen and says "actually" rather often, while mini cab controller Eddie (Gary Waldhorn) calls every woman "darling". This could settle down into a reasonable mini (cab) series although after this first episode of five I agree with Angela when she sighs "the more I understand the less sense I seem to make of anything." (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and The Beautiful 11.30 The Young and The Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 China Beach 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.00 Daytime 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 *Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time* 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Financial Times Business Weekly

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 A Whale for the Killing – Part One (1981). A man (Peter Strauss) stands up for a beached whale's right to die with dignity
12.00 Hello Again (1987): Shelley Long chokes to death and is resurrected by her spiritualist sister (Judith Ivey)
2.00pm Lorca and the Outlaws (1985): Science-fiction drama in which human slaves rebel against their alien captives
4.00 The Gods Must be Crazy (1984): Comedy about an African native who discovers civilisation
6.00 Delta Fever (1987): Coming of age drama starring Tom Eplin and Leif Garrett
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Bert Rigby, You're a Fool (1989): A miner (Robert Lindsay) dreams of becoming a Hollywood star 9.40 Projector
10.00 Halloween IV: The Return of Michael (1989): The psychopathic killer returns to his home town to terrorise his niece. Starring Donald Pleasence
11.30 The Fly 2 (1989): Brundlefly's son (Eric Stoltz) seeks revenge on the scientist (Lee Richardson) who raised him
1.15am Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976): Comedy about an ambulance service operated by a band of medical mercenaries
2.55 Circleman (1987): A retired boxer returns to the ring. Starring Vernon Wells
4.20 Murder Elite (1985): Ali McGraw returns to her family home and conspires to murder her wealthy sister. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite. From 8pm, via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am His Girl Friday (1940, b/w): Comedy starring Rosalind Russell as a newspaper reporter and Cary Grant as her former husband and editor
8.15 Funeral in Berlin (1966) Michael Caine helps a Russian officer to defect
10.15 It Should Happen to You (1953) A publicity-seeking actress (Judy Holliday) rents a Manhattan billboard
12.15pm Hero at Large (1980) A struggling actor (John Ritter) dresses up as "Captain Avenger" and becomes involved in a political scam
2.15 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981) Comedy in which housewife Lily Tomlin is shrunk to within an inch of her life
4.15 Dr Snuggles. Animated adventure
6.15 Housekeeping (1987). The charming story of the relationship between two teenage girls and their eccentric aunt
8.15 The Experts (1989): The Russians recruit two Americans so that they can study everyday American behaviour
10.15 Suspect (1987): Attorney Cher and juror Dennis Quaid uncover a web of political intrigue
12.15am Another Woman (1988) A woman (Gena Rowlands) discovers that she is not the person she thought she was
1.40 The Accused (1988): An award-winning role for Jodie Foster as the victim of a gang rape
3.30 The Boss' Wife (1986): An young stockbroker has to fend off his boss's amorous wife. Starring Daniel Stern and Arielle Dombasle. Ends at 4.50

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.00pm Football: Poland v Turkey 4.00 Tuff Trax 5.00 ATP Tennis 7.00 Torque 8.00 Australian Rugby League 10.00 Red Line 11.00 Test Match Cricket 12.00 Australian Rugby League

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 IAAF World Indoor Athletics Championships 9.00 Judo Masters 9.30 Cycling: Flèche Wallonne 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 European Open Snooker 1.00pm German Rally Championships 1.30 Dog Racing 2.00 Ice Speedway World Championships 3.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport News 3.30 Ice-Skating Post-Championship Gala 5.30 World Show Jumping Final 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Live European Cup Final Basketball 9.30 Motor Racing, World Sportscar Prototype Championships 10.30 European Championship Football 12.00 Women's Nations Cup Volleyball 1.00am Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Ice Racing 7.30 Revs 8.00 Tenpin Bowling 8.30 US Pro Boxing 10.00 Stop-Supercross 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00pm Major League Baseball 2.00 Powersports 3.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 6.00 Argentinian Football 7.00 Citroen Ski Europe 8.00 Live Pro Box 10.00 Spanish Football 12.30am Hippodrome French Horse Racing

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Rap Selection 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 Sarah Kennedy 3.55 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party 4.00 Joe Brown 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Sounds and the Grumbleweeds (new series) 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor 9.45 Simply Vince 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News, Sport 9.30 Soundwaves: Eyes Down (r) 10.00 News, Sport 10.03 Parent to Parent: Single fathers 10.25 1 2 3 4 5 10.40 The Health Show 0345 909 693 Skin, hair and baldness incl 11.00. 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Invitation to Dinner 1.00 News, Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News, Sport 2.05 1 2 3 4, 5 (r) 2.30 World Service 3.00 News, Sport 3.01 Racing from Newmarket: The final day of the Craven Meeting (3.10) Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes 3.30 World Service incl 4.00 News, Sport 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 The Kingdom by the Sea, by Robert Westall (4 of 10) 7.35 Talking Poetry (new series) Philip Gross visits Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust 8.05 Contact Point 8.30 The Scorpion. A drama series by Johnny Quarrell (2 of 6) 9.00 Big Fight on 5 Live from Olympia. Chris Eubank defends his WBO World Middleweight title against Gary Stretch 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 Britain Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Cooking the Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Assignment 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Man Overboard 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Rain Horse 3.45 Recording of the Week 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and Britain News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Seven Seas 8.45 Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Global Concerns 11.20 Network UK 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Meridian 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seven Seas 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Man Overboard 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Focus on Faith 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Loyalists declare ceasefire for talks

By Richard Ford
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST paramilitary groups last night announced a qualified ceasefire during political talks on Northern Ireland's future which start later this month.

The suspension of terrorist activity by the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Freedom Fighters will begin at midnight on the eve of the talks on April 30 in Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

A new "command" body, claiming to represent Loyalist groups which have been responsible for killing 12 people in the province this year, said it would order a "universal suspension of aggressive operational hostilities" to give the talks an opportunity to succeed.

However, in a statement, the hitherto unheard of "Combined Loyalist Military Command" added that Loyalist paramilitaries expected the IRA would attempt to disrupt Peter Brooke's political initiative and that it reserved the right to order retaliatory action.

The statement was issued only hours after the government announced that the first phase of Mr Brooke's initiative would start at the end of the month when he holds bilateral meetings with the Ulster Unionist party, Democratic Unionist Party, Social Democratic and Labour party and the Alliance party.

Last night politicians from all parties welcomed the Loyalist announcement and called on the IRA to end its campaign of violence. Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, said: "What we are seeing is a general desire on the part of all of the Protestant community to see the talks process work and to move towards real peace."

As Mr Brooke continued a tour of the US explaining his initiative, the government announced that four days after a meeting of the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental conference on April 26, the political talks would begin in Belfast. The initial discussions will concentrate on "housekeeping" measures such as the size of each delegation, the secretarial support and the expenses that will be paid.

In the republic, a police enquiry began into how the IRA apparently used a confidential Garda document to target Ian Sproule, a Protestant aged 23 who was shot dead at his parents' home near Castlederg, Co Tyrone, on Saturday.

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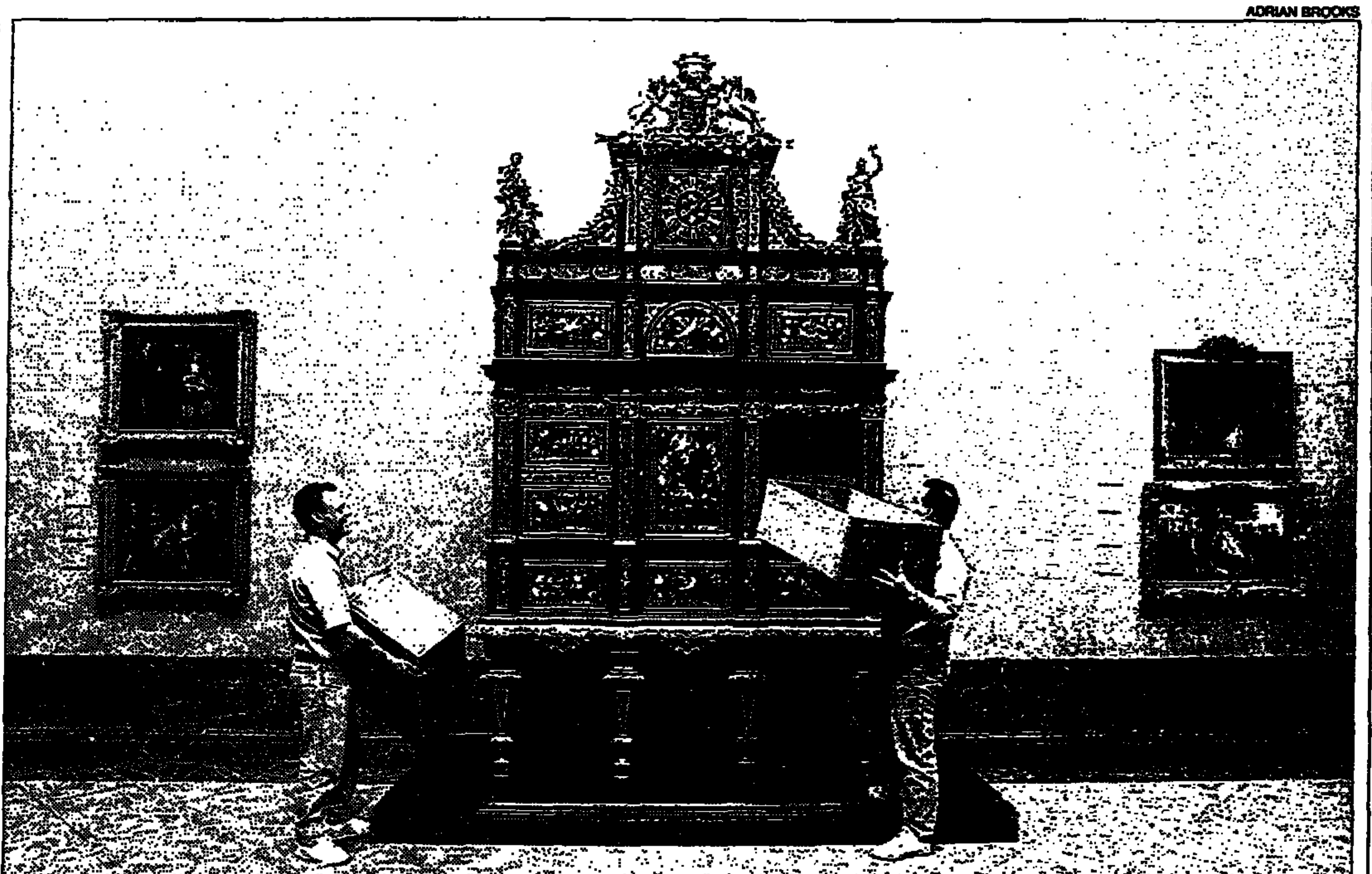

Cabinet decision: the Badminton Cabinet arrives at the Tate Gallery, London, to go on show to assist a fundraising campaign, the success of which will determine whether it stays in this country. The appeal must raise £8.7 million before May 17 to prevent its export to the USA (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). The Prince of Wales yesterday pledged his support for the campaign, which is being run by the National Art Collections Fund. In a message the prince sent his "very best wishes for your endeavours to help secure for the nation this magnificent and most important piece of furniture". The offer by the Tate Gallery follows two refusals by the National Gallery, of which the prince is a trustee, to give the cabinet space. If the appeal does not reach its target the cabinet will go to the Princeton home of the Mrs Barbara Johnson, the Johnson & Johnson heiress. Commissioned by the third Duke of Beaufort in 1726, the cabinet was made by the Italian Foggini family for his home, Badminton House in Gloucestershire. There it remained until last year, when, after he had failed to persuade the Victoria and Albert Museum to buy it for £4 million, the present duke sent it for sale and it fetched double that.

Teachers offered pay review body on condition they do not strike

By David Tytler, EDUCATION EDITOR

TEACHERS will be given a pay review body provided they agree not to take any industrial action in support of pay and conditions, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Clarke said that he would not expect any written undertakings from the six teacher associations. However, unless there was tacit agreement from all of them he would scrap his plans and teachers' salaries would continue to be set by the interim advisory committee on teachers' pay set up four years ago when the government removed negotiating rights.

The review body would be appointed by and report to the prime minister and replace the teachers' pay bill introduced last year to restore negotiating rights. A new bill would be introduced before the summer so that the review body could set pay from next April.

Mr Clarke said he was confident that most teachers would accept the plan. He told the Commons: "This proposal is made on the basis that teachers fully recognise and accept their professional responsibilities and will not take industrial action."

He said that the situation had changed considerably since his predecessors had turned down the idea of a pay review body because of the threat of industrial action. Most teacher associations, he said, were now in favour of such an arrangement. "The public and the vast majority of teachers do not want to see any industrial action affecting the education of pupils."

Clarke: confident most teachers will accept plan

The review body, based on the interim committee, would also be able to change and set conditions of employment, a requirement that might cause conflict with the National Union of Teachers, which wants the full restoration of negotiating rights.

Mr Clarke said that the government would not insist on the same pre-determined financial restraint as that imposed on the interim committee but he would ask them to consider particular aspects of pay and conditions.

Jack Straw, Labour's front bench education spokesman, said that the decision to scrap the teachers' pay bill and replace it with the review body, confirmed the chaos, confusion and indecision of the government.

The National Union of Teachers, the only union to oppose a pay review body in principle, called for the restoration of negotiating rights. "With or without a no-strike deal, a pay review body is rejected by this union," Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, said.

"To allow negotiations for teachers in opted-out schools, yet impose pay levels for all other teachers, exposes the government's determination to create a two-tier education system. The government has gone back on its word to restore all teachers' negotiating rights. Its cynical casting aside of three years of consultations and international legal judgments shows an arrant disregard for the teaching profession and its own international obligations."

Stephen Byers, of the education employers, said that withdrawing the bill breached undertakings given to teachers and their employers. "Today's statement represents a further monopoly of power for central government over an essential service." No-one could match the detailed knowledge of those who work in and run the education service, he said.

Teacher training, page 11

Political sketch

Praising with faint damns

"NOT a single word of appreciation have we heard from the Labour party as to what the prime minister has achieved," said Paul Marland (C, Gloucestershire W) yesterday, as the House reflected on the foreign secretary's announcement about safe havens. "Just whining and nit-picking."

He had a point. Faced with much the outcome they had urged 48 hours earlier, the Opposition seemed unwilling to acknowledge Mr Major's achievement. On TV that morning Paddy Ashdown had patronised the prime minister in the most statesmanlike manner, grandly endorsing Downing Street's efforts and setting millions of Tory teeth on edge. It must have niggled government MPs that other Opposition members might adopt similar tactics.

They need not have feared. Labour's Gerald Kaufman is incapable of *noblesse*. It would have been to his advantage but he could not bring himself to congratulate. Edging his way gingerly round the dreaded "c" word ("I welcome the participation by the United Kingdom government") Mr Kaufman managed to avoid the "PM" words too. With more ingenuity he might have left the United Kingdom out of it as well.

He went on to ask for details, complain that too little was being spent, and ask what the government was doing about getting Saddam tried for genocide.

"Come on Kermit, say thank you," someone shouted. Labour's amphibious foreign affairs spokesman was not going to say thank you. Nor was Sir David Steel, who is unwilling to start thanking Tories at this late stage in his career. Sir David "wholly applauded" this action "at last taken," "by the allies".

"Do we have any influence with the Turks?" enquired Labour's Chris Mullin (Sunderland S), anxious to dispel any impression that he was content with developments.

"Could do better" was the judgment of Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), who then took a swipe at the Americans and asked what Mr Hurd was going to do about getting money out of the Japanese. Gloomily (but at least consistently) Tam Dalyell predicted that the whole thing would end in tears. Clare Short seemed untroubled by the demands of consistency. She rose to criticise the allies for not destroying Saddam. Ms Short originally opposed the Gulf war.

It made you wonder how the Opposition would have greeted the parting of the Red Sea to let them pass. Mr Kaufman, perhaps, would have welcomed this unusual action by the tides, Clare Short would have wondered why Moses had not finished the Pharoahs off in the first place, and Tam Dalyell would have prophesied that they would all be drowned half way over.

"Graceless and negative," was Nicholas Soames's description of Labour's response.

For their part the Tories were feeling their way towards a new mythology to surround their new leader. As we all know, Mrs Thatcher had "courage and determination". Now Mr Major needs some adjectives of his own.

"*Tenacity* and determination" were Paul Marland's words. "*Dogged*" determination was the phrase from Robert Hughes (Harrow W).

"Dogged," "tenacious"... two little newborn clichés dandled, gurgling, on proud Tory backbenchers' knees, yesterday. "*DOGGEDNESS & TENACITY*". Can't you just see it above the Blackpool podium in big pastel blue letters? Or how about "*WINNING THROUGH*"?

MATTHEW PARRIS

Fear stops Kurds going to havens

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waxen faces which accompany grave intestinal disorders.

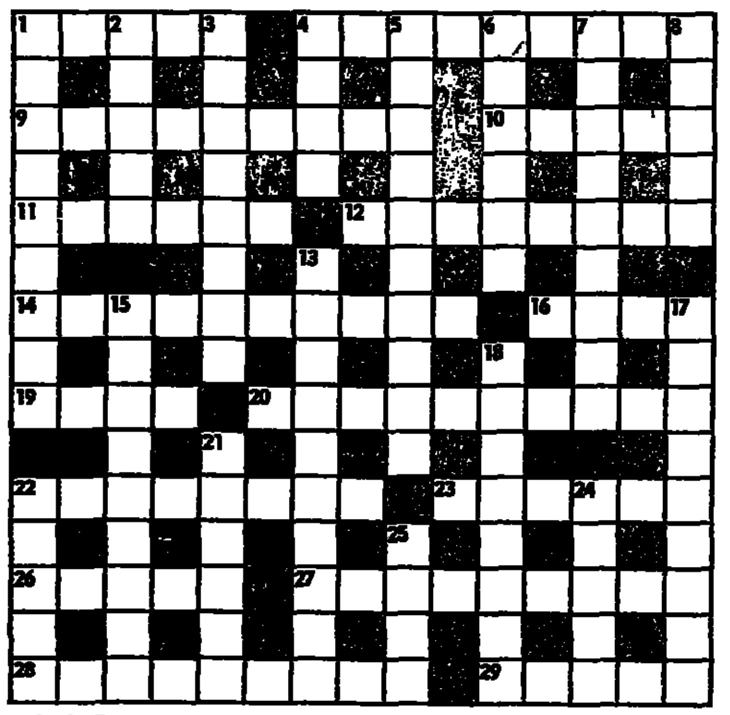
Far from being able to contemplate the journey back over the deceptively beautiful snowy mountain tops into Iraq, many of those existing at Isikveren were unable to make the three-mile journey down the mountain road to coal lorries waiting to take the lucky, chosen few to a new camp on the Turkish plain.

We watched as one elderly man died in the arms of his heartbroken son while in sight of the colourful lorries which were shipping some of the Kurds away before the others were driven back up the mountainside again at gunpoint by Turkish troops.

In many of the makeshift tents, surrounded on all sides by piles of human waste often streaked with blood, men, women, and children were too weak to come out to walk to the two tiny medical tents erected at a higher level by the charity Médecins sans Frontières. Turkish Red Crescent tents remained an inexplicable three miles further down the punishing slopes.

Dr Bart Meinan, the charity's medical co-ordinator, said: "This is a disaster, a terrible disaster, and the arrival of epidemics will be at any moment."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,583



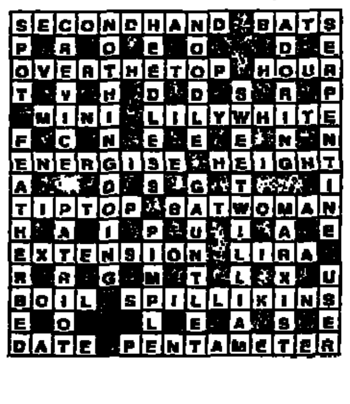
ACROSS

1 Finished a dish of macaroni, say (5).
4 Unknown compound originally discovered at Yokohama very recently (9).
9 This creature cost her a rand, oddly enough (4-5).
10 At least three accountants involved in a conspiracy? (5).
11 Element that's enveloping a creator god (6).
12 Scholarly boss is seen around Oxford University (8).
14 Just the bird to ruin a town, some say (10).
16 Desire exists to separate a married couple (4).
19 Extreme form of punishment in a Weber opera (4).
20 Beggar taking broken-down Arab horse to Hashemite capital (7-3).
22 He plays for the country when two characters swap places (8).
23 Student leaves brown coal to catch fire (6).
26 Son in trouble with key passage (5).
27 Siren summoned casual worker to arrange hair (9).
28 One resting on the back of 9 (9).
29 It's sticky, students' leader being in control (5).

DOWN

1 One eating out for choice, say, put on pounds (9).
2 Divided without a scrap (5).
3 Attic at one time retained by a Scotsman (8).
4 Brewer's cart overturned in Uncle Sam's garden (4).
5 Unusual composition of Stainer, not very loud (10).
6 Party supporting French art with copper coin (6).
7 Belief about moral flaw in absolute power (9).
8 Why they say listeners have lots of time (5).
13 A revolutionary device employed at some board meetings (4,6).
15 Notice received by uncommonly poor perpetrator of 7 (9).
17 House outside French city initially needed for dependants (7-2).
18 Anything in red upset Donizetti's Marie, for example (8).
21 The Faculty's address? (6).
22 Maiden transported in carriage or freight-vessel (5).
24 Fancies writing article in mid-month or thereabouts (5).
25 Females executed for writing on the wall (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,582



WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

INDURATE
a. Unfeeling
b. To season in the sun
c. Of an age for military service

SPHYGMIC
a. Like the Sphinx
b. Pulsatory
c. Grimacing

GALIMATIAS
a. Grace before a meal
b. Gibberish
c. Armoured gauntlets

SCROD
a. The young codfish
b. Disgusting rubbish
c. A scholar at Cheltenham Ladies

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WEATHER

Southern England and Wales will start bright but cloud will increase and there may be a little rain before brighter weather resumes by evening. North Wales and northern England, after a cloudy start with patchy light rain, will brighten up. Scotland will have a bright day with some sunshine but also showers. All areas will be cold and windy. Outlook: staying cold

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Madrid	16	61	s
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	15	59	c
Algiers	15	59	c	Malta	19	66	c
Amst'dm	6	43	f	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Athens	19	66	s	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	27	81	c	Milan	5	41	r
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	9	48	c
Barcelna	15	59	c	Moscow	8	46	c
Belgrade	13	55	f	Munich	2	36	c
Berlin	7	45	r	Naples	16	61	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N Delhi	29	84	s
Biarritz	11	52	c	N York*	22	72	s
Borde'x	12	54	s	Nice	19	66	s
Brussels	9	48	c	Oslo	5	41	f
Budapst	8	46	c	Paris	8	46	c
B Aires*	20	68	r	Peking	12	54	r
Cairo	24	75	s	Perth	32	90	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Prague	7	45	f
C'blanca	15	59	r	Reykjavik	6	43	f
Chicago*	14	57	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	13	55	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	3	37	r	Riyadh	28	82	s
C'phagn	7	45	s	Rome	13	55	r
Corfu	18	64	f	Salzburg	2	36	c
Dublin	5	41	c	S Frisco*	13	55	s
Dubrovnik	13	55	r	Santiago*	19	66	s
Faro	15	59	r	S Paulo*	28	82	c
Florence	17	63	c	Seoul	15	59	r
Frankfurt	4	39	t	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	18	64	f	St'kholm	0	32	sn
Geneva	7	45	s	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Sydney	23	73	s
Helsinki	3	37	sn	Tangier	15	59	c
Hong K	25	77	c	Tel Aviv	20	68	f
Innsbrck	1	34	sn	Tenerife	20	68	c
Istanbul	14	57	s	Tokyo	22	72	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	10	50	c
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Tunis	19	66	c
Karachi	29	84	s	Valencia	16	61	f
L Palmas	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	12	54	s
Le Tquet	8	46	f	Venice	9	48	r
Lisbon	14	57	r	Vienna	4	39	c
Locarno	7	45	c	Warsaw	6	43	c
L Angels*	14	57	f	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
Luxembg	8	46	f	Wel'nton	17	63	c
Luxor	32	90	s	Zurich	5	41	c

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.235
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.15	60.15
Canada $	2.165	2.015
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.20
Finland Mkk	7.38	6.93
France Fr	10.48	9.83
Germany Dm	3.11	2.91
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.50
Ireland Pt	1.163	1.083
Italy Lira	2310	2170
Japan Yen	259	241
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.28
Norway Kr	12.09	11.39
Portugal Esc	269.75	251.75
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.24	10.56
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7250	6450
USA $	1.88	1.755
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.00	26.00

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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.9	-	4	39	hail
Anglesey	12.6	-	12	54	sunny
Aviemore	0.3	-	4	39	snow
Belfast	12.0	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	10.1	-	11	52	sunny
Blackpool	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Bognor Regis	10.2	-	13	55	sunny
Bournemouth	11.6	-	14	57	sunny
Brighton	9.0	-	13	55	sunny
Bristol	11.5	-	13	55	sunny
Buxton	9.3	-	9	48	sunny
Cardiff	11.9	-	14	57	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.4	-	10	50	sunny
Cromer	3.6	-	9	48	bright
Douglas	11.1	-	12	54	sunny
Edinburgh	11.0	-	9	48	bright
Eskdalemuir	8.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Exmouth	11.8	-	14	57	sunny
Falmouth	12.0	-	13	55	sunny
Folkestone	3.0	-	10	50	cloudy
Glasgow	12.8	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	8.1	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	5.4	-	11	52	bright
Hunstanton	3.9	-	8	46	bright
Jersey	11.0	-	11	52	sunny
Leeds	7.9	-	10	50	bright
Lerwick	2.0	.01	4	39	snow
London	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Lowestoft	3.1	-	10	50	bright
Nottingham	7.5	-	10	50	sunny
Penzance	11.3	-	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	12.2	-	x	x	sunny
Sandown	7.7	-	13	55	sunny
Scarborough	6.9	.01	7	45	shower
Scilly Isles	10.7	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	4.9	-	11	52	bright
St. Ives	11.5	-	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	3.4	-	6	43	sunny
Swanage	11.6	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	11.9	-	14	57	sunny
Tiree	12.8	-	8	46	sunny
Torquay	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	11.6	-	14	57	sunny
Wick	1.9	-	4	39	hail

These are Tuesday's figures

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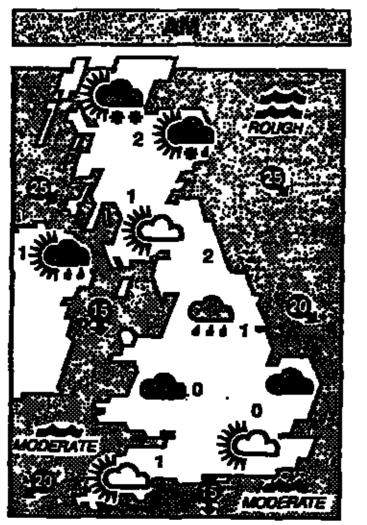

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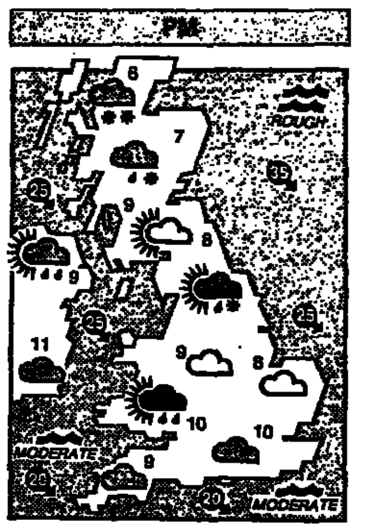

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	f	Guernsey	6	43	f
B'rmgham	7	45	r	Inverness	5	41	c
Blackpool	6	43	c	Jersey	8	46	c
Bristol	7	45	c	London	7	45	c
Cardiff	7	45	f	M'nchster	6	43	c
Edinburgh	7	45	f	Newcastle	5	41	sl
Glasgow	7	45	f	R'nldsway	6	43	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Wick, Highland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Norwich, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and Lerwick, Shetland, 0.01in; highest sunshine: Glasgow and Tiree, Hebrides, 12.8hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.01 pm to 5.58 am
Bristol 8.11 pm to 6.08 am
Edinburgh 8.25 pm to 5.59 am
Manchester 8.14 pm to 6.01 am
Penzance 8.20 pm to 6.22 am

Sun rises: 6.00 am
Sun sets: 8.01 pm
Moon sets 12.15 am
Moon rises 7.42 am

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.9hrs.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.45	7.4	5.12	7.0	Liverpool	2.02	9.4	2.27	9.4
Aberdeen	4,17	4.1	4.42	4.2	Lowestoft	12.15	2.5	12.37	2.3
Avonmouth	10.25	13.1	10.41	12.9	Margate	2.44	4.9	3.18	4.6
Belfast	1.50	3.4	2.17	3.3	Milford Haven	9.22	6.9	9.40	6.8
Cardiff	10.10	12.1	10.26	11.9	Newquay	8.13	6.9	8.32	6.8
Devonport	9.07	5.2	9.23	5.2	Oban	8.47	3.8	8.51	3.8
Dover	1.39	6.7	2.06	6.5	Penzance	8.10	6.3	8.28	5.3
Falmouth	8.37	5.0	8.53	5.0	Portland	10.17	2.0	10.25	2.0
Glasgow	3.46	4.7	4.11	4.5	Portsmouth	2.10	4.6	2.37	4.5
Harwich	2.45	4.0	3.09	3.8	Shoreham	2.01	6.3	2.30	6.2
Holyhead	1.08	5.6	1.29	5.5	Southampton	1.38	4.5	2.05	4.4
Hull	9.19	7.2	9.43	7.3	Swansea	9.27	9.4	9.43	9.3
Ilfracombe	9.06	9.1	9.22	9.0	Tees	6.42	5.3	7.07	5.3
King's Lynn	9.34	6.5	9.55	6.6					

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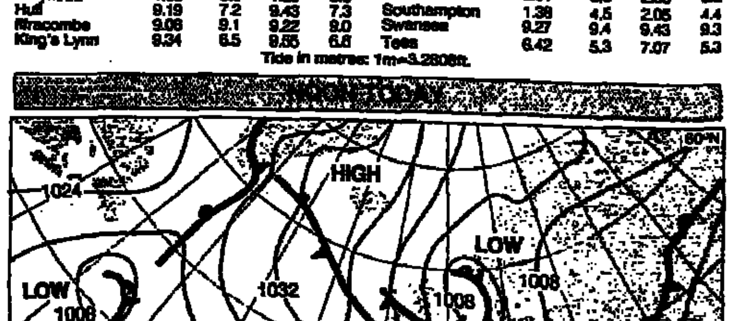

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BUSINESS

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John Bell

THURSDAY APRIL 18 1991

Wall Street touches new high

WALL Street touched a record 3,008 points for a 21 points advance yesterday, as investors worldwide rushed to join in the market's rally.

The key 3,000 level for the Dow Jones industrial average was breached in early afternoon trading, and dealers were hopeful that the Dow would close the day's trading session at above 3,000. The record closing high of 2999.75 was reached on July 17, last year.

Dealers said that the buoyant investment mood was helped by a firmer dollar and by advances in the bond market, and that overseas interest in Wall Street had been keen.

John Schraff of Daiwa said investors had been noted buyers of financial shares and of utilities issues.

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Club reformed after ILG fall

Club 18-30, the youth holiday company which was part of the collapsed International Leisure Group, has been reconstituted by former management led by Jeremy Muller.

Now to be known as The Club, the company has £2 million backing from County NatWest Ventures and Grosvenor Venture Managers. Mr Muller said he was relaunching The Club under the slogan "from the management team which brought you Club 18-30".

The Club will offer the same sort of holidays and destinations as Club 18-30 and plans to sell 25,000 holidays this summer, swelling to 50,000 next year.

Higgs cash call

Higgs and Hill, the construction group, is seeking £24.8 million through a two-for-seven rights issue at 260p a share. Pre-tax profits last year were £6.8 million (£26.6 million), and the final dividend is 14p (15.6p), but the total is held at 20p a share.

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Issue by rights

River & Mercantile Extra Income Trust is raising up to £15.6 million by an offer of one ordinary share for two by way of rights. The share will yield 9.9 per cent.

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US dollar
1.7825 (-0.0065)
German mark
2.9785 (-0.0020)
Exchange index
92.9 (same)

FT 30 Share
2001.4 (+15.9)
FT-SE 100
2545.0 (+25.5)
New York Dow Jones
3010.89 (+24.01)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26980.37 (+167.07)

RISES:	
Bass	965 (+33p)
JA Devenish	220p (+16p)
Guinness	922p (+14p)
SG Warburg	450p (+10p)
Smithkline Beecham	830½p (+13p)
Wellcome	548½p (+10p)
MB Caradon	233½p (+12p)
Renishaw	267p (+12p)
Reuters	881p (+14p)
Fisons	481p (+11½p)
Racal Telecom	392½p (+12p)
BOC	583½p (+10p)
Bowater	633p (+11p)
Barratt Devs	123½p (+9p)
Ivory & Sime	122½p (+8p)
Broken Hill	500½p (+12p)
Steetley	382½p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Morgan Crucible	247½p (-7p)
Sothebys	775p (-13p)
Sema Group	322½p (-12p)

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11⅞-11¾%
3-month eligible bills: 11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.57-5.55%*
30-year bonds 97¹⁹⁄₃₂-97¾*

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* Denotes latest trading price

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Pilkington attacks opportunism

'Damaging' bid threats under fire

By Our City Staff

SIR Antony Pilkington, *chairman of Pilkington*, the glass group that is at the centre of renewed takeover speculation, has attacked opportunistic takeovers, charging that even the threat of bids can cause severe damage to company operations.

"Current speculation is having a quite severe effect on our recruitment," Sir Antony told the Commons select committee on trade and industry, which is investigating takeovers. "It is getting harder and harder." He said recruits now wanted assurances about the group's long-term prospects.

In a bitter battle four years ago, Pilkington fought off a controversial bid from BTR after the government declined to refer the conglomerate's bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Bid speculation started resurfacing in December, after BTR raised its stake above 4 per cent when Pilkington's profits were suffering heavily from the recession. City analysts suggest that pre-tax profits for the year just ended may have fallen from £314 million to under £150 million.

Speculation intensified this week after Hanson, which is known to want to make a large bid in Britain, raised a further £500 million in a convertible bond issue, adding to cash resources of £7 billion.

Pilkington has responded by a series of sales of parts of its business and heavy rationalisation of peripheral interests. "A bid is rather like an invasion ... the unwelcome appearance of a stranger which concentrates the mind enormously," Sir Antony said.

Pilkington shares closed near their 12-month high at 207p, yesterday, valuing the group at £1.55 billion.

Sir Antony's evidence backed up written evidence from the group, which claimed that the City takeover code was weighted in favour of bidders and called for several changes.

☐ A bidder should be obliged to issue a prospectus to shareholders of a target company setting out its strategy.

☐ The trigger point for the requirement to make a full bid should be cut from 30 to 15 per cent of shares.

☐ A bidder should be required to pay the full costs of an unsuccessful bid.

The company said a bidder often believed it could achieve a higher rate of return by cutting investment, research and development and jobs.

Sir Antony wrote: "Concern that a company may be vulnerable to a takeover bid means that management may continually be looking over its shoulder rather than concentrating on the future of the business ... management may decide to operate the business for short-term profit, thus neglecting investment which may be necessary for long-term competitiveness."

Sir Antony said yesterday that he did not think Pilkington was a suitable target for Hanson or BTR. "Hanson doesn't like R&D ... and Pilkington is very capital intensive."

Pilkington: evidence

Two million enrol for Scots power

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

TWO million potential investors in Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric, the two Scottish electricity companies, had registered for the shares by last weekend, ahead of most estimates and suggesting that the government's latest privatisation is proving more popular *than had been expected*.

The total is now running neck and neck with registrants for shares in the regional electricity companies in England and Wales at the same stage of that flotation in December last year. That offer was heavily oversubscribed and the shares went to a politically embarrassing premium when dealing started.

Incentives for investors in the float, scheduled for June, were unveiled yesterday and were in line with those in the regional companies' float. Customers will be offered the choice of vouchers allowing an £18 discount on their electricity bills or one free share for every ten shares bought. Dispatch of vouchers will be staggered.

Investors who buy shares in companies of which they are not customers will be entitled to one free share for every 20 bought.

To qualify, they will have to hold the shares until June 30, 1994. Only those who register with the share information office will qualify for vouchers and discounts.

There will be a minimum first instalment of £100 on shares bought by customers. Payment for the shares will be in three instalments, and the *total price of shares will not* exceed 250p.

Non-customers will be obliged to buy a package of shares in both companies, with a minimum first instalment of £300. The same minimum will apply to customers who buy shares in both companies.

By the time registration for the regional companies share offer closed, 7.3 million people had registered. There were 5.3 million final applications.

Institutional investors will be invited to indicate the number of shares they would be prepared to buy at a range of prices, to help the government's advisers determine the price.

There will also be a so-called back-end tender offer. Some shares will be offered overseas.

It has not yet been decided whether to offer all the shares to the public, or just only 60 per cent.

TONY WHITE

Heads together: Robert Maxwell (left) in discussions with Charles Wilson, MGN editorial director, and his son, Ian Maxwell, the deputy chairman, at the launch of the MGN flotation publicity campaign, yesterday

Maxwell stands to make £500m from MGN float

By Neil Bennett

ROBERT Maxwell and his private companies stand to make a profit of almost £500 million from their investment in Mirror Group Newspapers, when the company is floated next month.

MGN's pathfinder prospectus reveals the company has lent £304 million to Mr Maxwell's private businesses since he took it over in 1984. All these loans are being forgiven as part of the flotation.

Mr Maxwell, who is staying as MGN's executive chairman, is also taking at least £40 million of the estimated flotation proceeds of £250 million. He will be left with a controlling stake in the group worth more than £250 million, compared with the £113 million he paid Reed International for the company in 1984.

Mr Maxwell launched the publicity campaign for MGN's flotation at a press conference in the Mirror *building in Holborn, London,* yesterday. He brushed aside a storm of questions from journalists on MGN's finances and his business track record, accusing them at one point of a "campaign of bitchiness" against him. "People in Britain don't like success," he said.

The publicity campaign will be spearheaded by Andy Capp, the cigarette smoking cartoon character from the *Daily Mirror*. The share price will be announced on April 30, and prospectuses will be published in the *Daily Mirror* and its sister newspapers in May.

At first, Mr Maxwell had promised to keep to his prepared script. But the lifelong Labour Party supporter broke that promise with a few sentences to offer a rare tribute to Margaret Thatcher, whose employment laws, he said, had allowed him to turn Mirror Group round.

"The legislation required the trade unions to accept the same economic laws that apply to the rest of us," he said. Since 1984, Mirror Group's operating profits have risen from £4.3 million to £88.3 million, while the number of employees has slumped from 7,235 to 3,726.

Mirror Group is offering between 45 and 49 per cent of its shares for sale, which is estimated to raise at least £250 million. One third is being reserved for overseas investors, while the rest is being divided between an institutional placing and the public offer. The minimum investment is £250.

Of the proceeds, £210 million will be used to repay bank borrowings, part of the £500 million Mirror Group has invested in new printing equipment. The prospectus also shows that the company's main assets are its newspaper titles, which have been valued by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountants, at £625 million.

Andy Capp acts, page 27

Pessimism 'cost editor his job'

THE former editor of the *Daily Mirror* was dismissed after he gave an interview predicting a poor future for tabloid newspapers, according to his former proprietor.

Robert Maxwell, the chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, said that Roy Greenslade left the newspaper early last month after he gave an interview saying that the tabloid market would shrink, and the readership degenerate into "semi-literate yobs".

The interview was published in the *UK Press Gazette* in January.

Mr Maxwell said Mr Greenslade had been careless to give an interview which he failed to clear with the relevant directors of Mirror Group Newspapers. It was this together with his publicly-expressed pessimism which led to his departure.

In a prepared statement, Mr Greenslade said he was "astonished that Mr Maxwell has introduced a new excuse for forcing me to leave the *Daily Mirror*".

He said he would soon reveal the reason for his resignation.

Booker chains sold to Lloyds Chemists

By Jonathan Prynn

LLOYDS Chemists, the pharmacy and drug store chain, has bought Britain's fifth largest retail chemist and the largest health food retailer from Booker for £55 million.

The deal brings the Lloyds chain to 989 stores and consolidates it as Britain's second largest chemist, behind Boots.

Lloyds is paying £48 million for the 159 stores in the Kingswood-GK chain, which operates in southern England and south Wales, and £7 million for the 191 Holland & Barrett health food outlets. In the year to December 1990, the two companies reported a combined operating profit of £4.9 million on turnover of £110.4 million. The book value of net assets being acquired at Kingswood-GK was £10.3 million and £8.3 million at Holland & Barrett.

The purchases are being financed via a one for two rights issue at 230p a share to raise £73.8 million. Remaining funds will be used to reduce borrowings, leaving the company ungeared. Lloyds shares rose 2p to 278p. *Theoretical ex-rights price is 259p.*

Allen Lloyd, chairman and chief executive, said the second half had met expectations, and a 3p final dividend for the year to June would be paid, making 4.17p, a 50 per cent rise on last year.

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Henson sues Disney over use of Muppets

From Philip Robinson in New York

HENSON Associates has launched a multi-million dollar legal action against Walt Disney alleging it used the Muppet characters created by the late Jim Henson without permission.

At Walt Disney World in Florida, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are performing a stage show alongside Mickey and Minnie Mouse. A $150 million deal in which Disney was to buy control of the Muppets fell apart amid acrimony last year when the two sides failed to agree a price.

Henson Associates are seeking an injunction stopping Disney "from performing, advertising, merchandising and acting in any way that suggests Disney owns or has any rights to the Muppets".

The group is seeking compensation and punitive damages that under American law would triple any award. Disney was not immediately available to comment.

Henson alleges Disney has sought to create the totally false impression that the Muppets are now part of Disney and has made it virtually impossible for the company to take its creations and talent elsewhere.

The action follows widespread reports that Henson is still in talks for payments on *The Muppet Movie* and on Miss Piggy's stage show at Disney World.

Disc foils hope of fiery end to loan

By Jon Ashworth

BEHIND with your hire purchase payments? Wish the finance company would forget? For up to 1.5 million Britons who have loans with Mercantile Credit, it nearly came true this week.

Thousands of bills went up in smoke on Tuesday night as fire swept the firm's headquarters in Basingstoke, Hampshire. Names and addresses of thousands of customers were lost in the blaze, providing an immediate end to records of payments on everything from televisions and hi-fis to company cars. But clients should think twice before tearing up their statements. The bad news is ... it was all on computer elsewhere.

A fire broke out in Churchill Plaza at 9.30pm on Tuesday, gutting the seventh and eighth floors of the 12-storey building and serious damaging two more. Fireman brought the blaze under control in three and a half hours, but the thousands of gallons of water poured in took care of the parts the flames did not reach.

"It was like the towering inferno," said a spokeswoman, who added that most of yesterday was complete chaos. "We hope to get our key functions relocated, but the building will be out of action for some time."

Fred Winup, managing director of Mercantile Credit, rushed to the scene from his home in Winchester as soon as he heard the news. "It was an extremely busy day with very little sleep," he said, speaking on his car phone — now his main office line — from a car park next to the smouldering ruins. "I watched the blaze for a while then went off to put contingency plans in place."

The fire is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault. An arson attack by a disgruntled client tired of paying instalments on his microwave cooker has been ruled out.

At dawn Mr Winup and his colleagues were still scurrying through the building, trying to remove as many files as possible before water could damage them.

The bad news for customers who thought their accounts had been wiped clean is that details of "who owes what" are all still there.

Most of the facts and figures are stored on computer in Colindale, North London. And in case that burns down too, they are locked away in the Gloucester files of Barclays Bank, which owns Mercantile.

Mercantile Credit is the consumer finance arm of Mercantile Group. Barclays Mercantile Business Finance, which shares the Basingstoke offices, provides finance for the purchase of aircraft and fleets of company cars.

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CBI gives a qualified welcome to Labour plan

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry has given a heavily qualified welcome to Labour party policies for business.

Sir Brian Corby, CBI president, acknowledged a shift in Labour thinking towards stronger support for a free market economy and expressed the hope that political parties in Britain were at last moving towards a consensus on policies towards business.

John Banham, CBI director general, said: "We find that the Labour party has come much closer to the real world in the last few years." He added: "It still probably has a long way further to go. The big question is whether they will be able to deliver on the promises they make, most notably on inflation."

Mr Banham was giving the CBI's first reaction to *Labour's better way for the 1990s.* The CBI council will review its draft response next week.

Mr Banham, however, said he had already measured the manifesto against the CBI's own policy document, *Business Agenda for the 1990s*, launched yesterday, and found "there is much in the Labour party proposals with which the CBI can agree".

He singled out four areas of broad consensus between the CBI and Labour. They shared a belief in the need for Britain to have a substantial and competitive manufacturing base, supported by a partnership between industry and government. They also concurred on the need for investment in plant, skills and transport; on priority support for smaller firms; and on the need for a more creative approach to competition policy. Mr Banham said it was also "reassuring" that Labour was not proposing substantial changes in industrial relations law.

There were "notable omissions", he said. It was not clear how Labour would contain inflation to the "2 to 3 per cent" needed by industry and the economy, there was insufficient attention to the service sector, and no reference to "the need to reduce the tax burden on business".

Nor was it clear how Labour's proposed national investment bank, technology trust, and small business advice agencies would be financed and staffed.

The CBI has invited Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman; Gordon Brown, Labour's trade spokesman; and Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, to address the CBI council on how their proposals would match its *Business Agenda for the 1990s.*

In its agenda, the CBI says the defeat of inflation is the most important single service that government can render to business. It also calls for help to bridge the "investment gap" with competitor nations and for public recognition of the need in Britain for a strong manufacturing base.

Sir Brian said the Nineties would be "the European decade" and he insisted that the creation of a European central bank and a single European monetary policy would be the culmination of an evolutionary process that has already started.

The CBI also called for a thorough reform of the government's trade and industry department.

□ Pay rises among Britain's company directors are continuing to outstrip inflation. Reviews during the five months to January led to rises in base salaries averaging 14 per cent, according to a joint survey by the CBI and Hay Management Consultants.

Adjustments ranged from a cut of 1.5 per cent to an increase of 47.4 per cent. Increases in total pay, including bonuses, averaged 10.6 per cent, and included a cut of 20.1 per cent as well as a rise of 46.5 per cent.

Two firms to cut 510 jobs

TWO companies yesterday announced a total of 510 job losses.

Blue Circle Industries is to consolidate its lawnmower manufacturing on a single site in Suffolk, leading to the loss of 370 jobs at its Derby factory. A minority of the workers may have the opportunity to transfer to its Stowmarket, Suffolk, plant, which from August will produce machines under both the Atco and Qualcast brands.

Smiths Industries is shedding 140 jobs at its Basingstoke, Hampshire, aerospace components factory because of a fall in military aircraft orders and will close its product support unit there. Smiths employs 650 at Basingstoke and 4,500 overall in its aerospace division.

Moran omits

Moran Holdings, the property development and freight forwarding company, is "unable at this time" to declare an interim dividend for the year to end-June (1990 – nil).

A spokesman indicated that Moran is profitable, but that it would be "imprudent" to make a payment and deplete the group's cash resources. The directors are expected to consider a final dividend. Moran returned to profit last year.

Peek buys

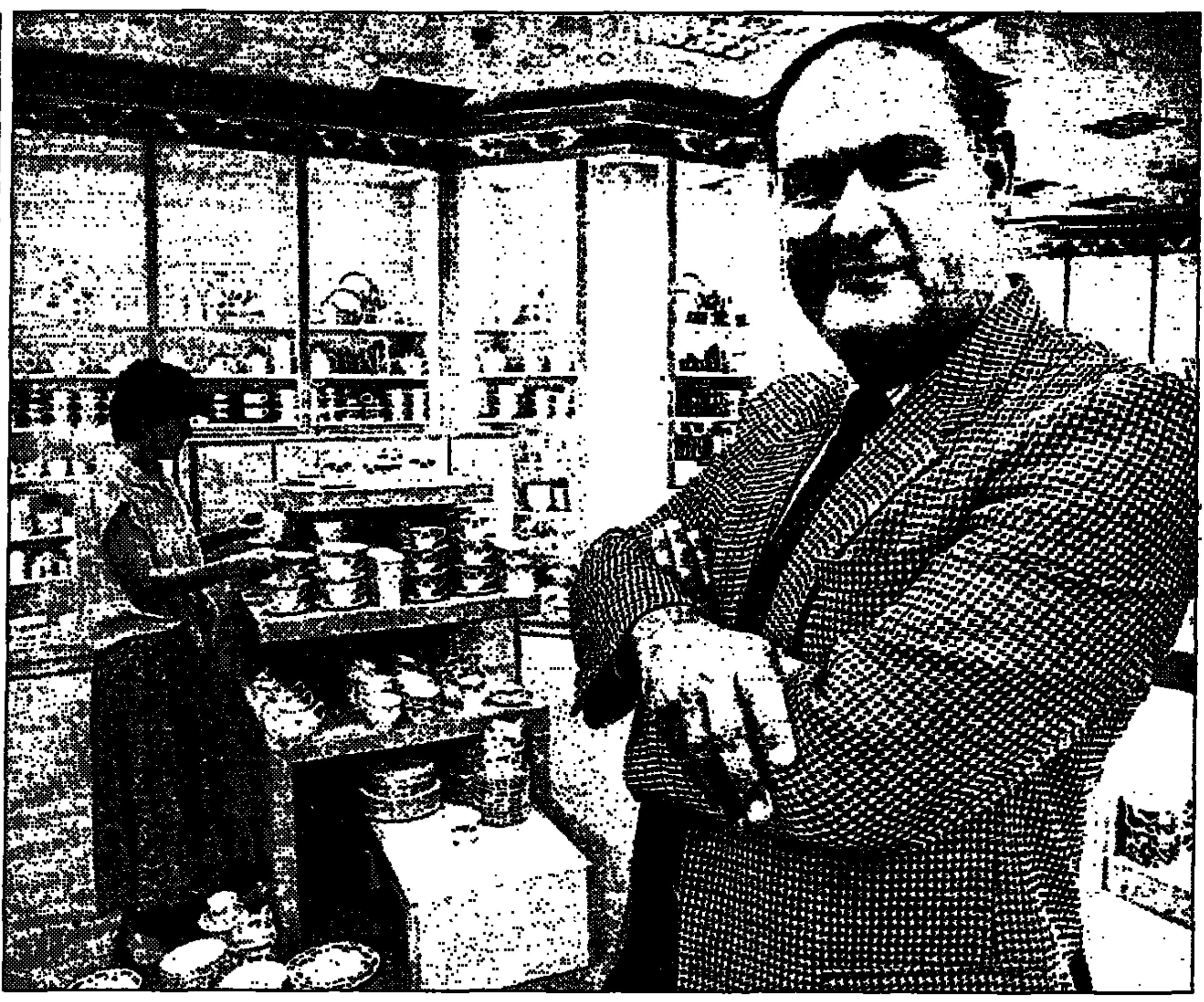
Peek, the traffic and field data systems group, is extending its traffic systems operations with the acquisition of Philips Verkeers-en Vervoerssystemen, a subsidiary of Philips of the Netherlands, for a maximum of about £5 million in shares and cash.

L&G slips

Legal & General's worldwide new annual premiums written in the first quarter fell from £76.6 million to £55.5 million. New annual premiums in Britain dropped to £42.6 million (£61.1 million).

Eagle sells

Eagle Trust has sold Parvis Group, its plumbing subsidiary, to a management-led team for £9 million.



Taking stock: Edward Bentall in the china department at the company's new Kingston upon Thames store

Profits decline to £3.3m at Bentalls

PRE-TAX profits at Bentalls, the department stores group, fell by 14 per cent to £3.32 million in the year to February 2, although the company feels it is over the worst (Philip Pangalos writes).

Turnover at the group, which runs six stores, dipped to £70.7 million from £71.9 million. Profits were hampered by the disruptive effects of the closure of the company's old flagship store in Kingston upon Thames and the move to new premises.

Edward Bentall, the chairman, said that trading at the new Kingston upon Thames store, which is the largest general department store built in Britain since the Thirties, is holding up well, with margins up by 1.5 per cent after refocusing on higher margin areas.

Sales at the new store, accounting for about 60 per cent of group turnover, suffered only a 2 per cent decline despite the opening of a John Lewis store nearby. Earnings per share fell to 4.87p (5.59p). The final dividend is maintained at 3.25p, making an unchanged total of 3.85p. The closure of the old Kingston upon Thames store and the move to the new one was largely responsible for a £1.42 million extraordinary loss.

Bentalls has now revalued its properties at £75.9 million, lifting shareholders' funds to £70.5 million from £25.7 million and net asset value to 169p (62p) per share. The shares firmed 3p to 192p.

Budget deficit for this year may outstrip forecasts

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE government posted a small budget surplus for fiscal 1990-1, but Treasury figures confirm a rapid deterioration in its finances, suggesting the deficit forecast for this year could be larger than expected.

The public sector borrowing requirement for March, final month of the fiscal year, was an unexpectedly large £3.1 billion, giving a debt repayment for the full year of just £405 million. This compared with repayments of almost £8 billion the previous year, and £14.5 billion in 1988-89. Worsening government finances reflect the effect of recession in lowering revenue, while central government spending is being boosted to meet the rising costs of unemployment and social benefits. These factors are likely to linger long after the economy starts to recover.

Excluding proceeds from privatisations, the March PSBR was £4.7 billion, which brought the cumulative figure for the full year borrowing requirement to £4.9 billion. This was £8.7 billion down from 1989-90, and ended a two-year run of surpluses.

In the Budget, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, forecast a PSBR of £8 billion for the current fiscal year and a repayment of about £800 million in 1990-91. Four years of surpluses have reduced the national debt by about £26 billion.

Deficits are set to continue, with the government predicting shortfalls of £12 billion in the coming fiscal year and £7 billion in 1992-93.

Market forecasts for March centred on a PSBR of about £2.6 billion, well below the £3.1 billion reported, in spite of £1.6 billion of receipts from privatisations.

Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, noted that while the spending departments had boosted their claims on the public purse, the low level of inland revenue receipts pointed to a weakening economy, with receipts from the corporate sector falling off fast.

"If this trend continues, the budget deficit will be about £12 billion this year," he said.

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, stressed that the £5.7 billion underlying rise in central government spending was the main cause of the worsening in government finances in 1990-1.

He also drew attention to the slowdown in inland revenue receipts and customs and exise duties.

Le Creuset dishes up 18% advance

By Our City Staff

LE CREUSET, the French cast iron cookware group, continued to buck the retailing trend, reporting an 18 per cent advance in full year profits.

Pre-tax profits increased to £3.16 million (£2.67 million) in the year to end-December. Sales, largely in France, Britain and America, were resilient, with turnover up from £31.1 million to £32.3 million. Earnings per share rose to 13.1p (12.6p). Le Creuset, which declares its dividends in francs, is lifting the final to Fr0.26 (Fr0.24), making a total Fr0.39 (Fr0.24).

Paul van Zuydam, chairman, said the company had turned in a very creditable performance in a testing year.

Van Zuydam: testing year

"We have made solid progress in all areas of our business and although trading conditions this year have been difficult, I believe we have cause for optimism." The USM-quoted shares firmed 1p to 183p.

NatWest loses in America

By Angela Mackay

NATWEST has injected $150 million of new capital into NatWest Bancorp after the American subsidiary reported a consolidated net loss of $190.9 million in the first quarter, compared with net income of $17 million previously.

John Tugwell, NatWest Bancorp's new chairman and chief executive, said businesses were being tightened sufficiently to weather the rest of the recession. The $190.9 million loss compares with a $220 million loss in the fourth quarter last year, and a NatWest spokesman said this pointed to a slow turnabout in the business.

Non-performing assets more than doubled from $606 million to $1.47 billion, while the provision for loan losses quadrupled to $221.9 million.

Net interest income fell from $183.3 million to $164.9 million. Operating expenses rose 7 per cent to $193.2 million, reflecting the costs associated with maintaining foreclosed assets, which increased by $7.6 million.

BP to sell part of Brae gas output direct

BP EXPLORATION is to sell two thirds of its share of the output from the Brae gasfield in the North Sea direct to industrial gas users (Ross Tieman writes). The remaining third, amounting to 55 billion cu ft, will be supplied to British Gas from 1994 under a 15-year contract.

Eight companies are participating in the Brae field development. BP's partners announced last year that they had agreed collectively to sell 700 billion cu ft of gas to British Gas.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TT launches £6.8m bid for Magnetic

TT GROUP, the industrial fasteners and packaging company, has launched its second hostile takeover bid in little more than a year with a £6.8 million offer for Magnetic Materials Group, the USM-quoted magnetic components manufacturer. TT won a long-running bid battle for Crystalate last August.

The 37p per share offer is equal to the price paid by TT on Tuesday for a 9.4 per cent stake, bringing its total holding in the target company to 16.2 per cent. This compares with a market price of 41p before and after the announcement of the bid. Magnetic's board rejected the offer as "derisory, unsolicited, unwelcome and totally inadequate". Magnetic last week announced pre-tax profits of £0.22 million for the six months to end December, compared with £0.7 million for the same period in 1989.

Prestwick falls into red

PRESTWICK Holdings, the Scottish printed circuit board maker, reported a pre-tax loss of £741,000 in the six months to end-January, compared with profits of £527,000. Turnover fell from £13.7 million to £11.9 million. There was a 3.5p deficit per share, against 1.5p earnings, while the fully diluted loss was 2.3p (1.6p earnings). The interim dividend stays at 0.5p.

Godfrey Davis buys

GODFREY Davis (Holdings), the industrial services group, has acquired Presco (Holdings), which makes relocatable steel building systems, for a maximum of £7 million depending on future profits. Presco, which will be incorporated into the Elliott Group, Godfrey Davis' site services division, made pre-tax profits of £1.17 million in the year to February 2, on turnover of £12.3 million.

Hardanger halted

SHARES in Hardanger Properties, the retail property developer, have been suspended at 65p at the company's request following delays in achieving property disposals. A further announcement from the company is expected possibly this week, after the completion of debt renegotiation talks with the company's banks. The banks are led by Barclays.

The setbacks, which include a delay in the sale of a large site in Plymouth, leave borrowings at about £72 million, giving "uncomfortably high" gearing of 170 per cent.

Ultramar to raise £58m

ULTRAMAR Capital Corp is raising Can$120 million (£58.4 million) by the issue of debentures exchangeable into ordinary shares of the parent company, Ultramar, the British oil explorer. This could lead to the issue of a total of 18.23 million shares, or 5 per cent of Ultramar's share capital. Proceeds will largely go to reduce debt incurred in buying Texaco Canada assets last year.

Anglian signs lease deal

ANGLIAN Water has made a £125 million leasing agreement with Barclays Mercantile to finance water and sewerage projects. The deal is one of the biggest of its kind. Leasing, which enables the bank to use capital allowances, is particularly attractive to the privatised water groups, which do not pay mainstream corporation tax because of a backlog of capital allowances.

Michelin cuts jobs

MICHELIN, the world's largest tyre maker, will cut at least 16,000 jobs by the end of next year. The firm announced a Fr4.8 billion net loss for last year (Fr2.45 billion net profits). The company said there will another loss this year.

Losses included provision of Fr3.4 billion for restructuring, of which the job cuts form the central part. Michelin has a workforce of 130,000. Earnings were affected by last year's fall in the value of the dollar and by the Fr3 billion interest charge which followed last year's acquisition of Uniroyal-Goodrich. The company now has debts of Fr28.5 billion.

MMC to investigate Isle of Wight ferries

By Our Industrial Correspondent

AN INVESTIGATION into competition on ferry routes to the Isle of Wight is to be held by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, said he had received complaints, over a long period, "about the prices charged and the standard of service offered on the cross-Solent routes".

The market is dominated by Wightlink, a subsidiary of Sea Containers, which is believed to carry about 70 per cent of traffic. The main competitor, Red Funnel, was acquired 18 months ago by Associated British Ports. Red Funnel has about 20 per cent of the market. Services are also provided by Hovertravel.

Sir Gordon said he was "not convinced that there are no barriers to other entrants". The issues could only be resolved by an MMC enquiry, he said. The MMC has until December 17 to furnish a report to Peter Lilley, the trade secretary.

COMPANY BRIEFS

GREAT SOUTHERN (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.22m (£3.54m)
EPS: 13.9p (16.9p)
Div: 5.5p, mkg 8.5p (8p)

Fully diluted earnings fell to 14.7p (17.1p). Results largely reflect a 14% decline in the national mortality rate in the last quarter.

COPYMORE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £931,000
EPS: 4.90p (0.8p)
Div: 1.7p, mkg 2.5p

Last time's profit was £142,000. Last time's total dividend: 2.5p. Extraordinary loss of £225,000 (£124,000).

STORM GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £402,000
EPS: 0.74p
Div: Nil

First-year profits compare with a prospectus forecast of £400,000, giving earnings of 0.62p. Storm had net cash of £1.4m at the year-end.

DENSITRON INT. (Fin)
Pre-tax: £587,000
EPS: 1.83p (3.8p)
Div: 1p, mkg 1.7p

Last time's profit was £1.11m. Last time's total dividend: 2.35p. Exceptional gain of £114,000 (nil).

EIDOS (Fin)
Pre-tax: Loss £60,633
LPS: 2.76p
Div: Nil

Company had forecast a trading loss of £153,000 at the time's of last year's placing. Upgraded Edit One system will be launched in May.

HAFNIA HOLDINGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: Loss Kr514m
LPS: Kr154 (EPS: Kr162)
Div: 10% (10%)

All figures in Danish currency. Last time's profit: Kr2.57bn. Company said underlying business continues to make good progress.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 8	April 19	July 11	July 22

Call options were taken out on: 17/4/91 Aviva, Berisfords, Brent Walker, Budgens, Eurotunnel Ord, Monument Oil & Gas, More O'Ferrall, Pilkington, Premier, Tusker.
Put & Call: Hardanger.

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Turnover	£636m	UP	8%
Profit before tax	£54.2m	UP	12%
Earnings per share	18.8p	UP	9%
Dividend per share	6.7p	UP	14%

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Another year of record profits and sales.
- Acquisitions in UK, Sweden and East Germany add new dimension to fabric, fibre and foam operations respectively.
- Tough year ahead in UK and Spain but strong Balance Sheet and product and market diversification, especially in Germany, continue as excellent plus points for the future.

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EBRD off to a faltering start

COMMENT

This week should have marked a peak in the career of Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, whose official launch ceremonies ended in London yesterday.

Unfortunately, and not just for M Attali, it did not quite turn out that way. He may eventually attain greater heights, but already there have been setbacks to overcome.

The bank's first week was marked by much behind-the-scenes backbiting, envy and intolerance, as some of its shareholders – by no means your average investor but representatives from 39 governments and two institutions – did lots to spoil the party.

Even though M Attali is right to point to the remarkable speed with which the bank was set up, there has been a heavy cost. The bank's constitution, which gives its political shareholders a great say in its operations, already appears structurally flawed, and this even before the bank has lent a single ecu.

It has become clear that America, whose paranoia over a strong European economy is increasing constantly, will be the bank's most awkward shareholder. America, with 10 per cent *also the largest backer, opposed* the European bank's involvement in the privatisation of eastern German companies, despite an overwhelming commercial logic.

Eastern Germany, despite its troubles, is still at present one of the few eastern and central European regions that offer at least some good commercial and investment opportunities.

To press home his irritation, Nicholas Brady earlier this week demanded that the shareholders have an even greater say in the bank, to be achieved through strengthening the board of directors, which he does regard *not as "an advisory one but* instead as a critical element of the bank's operations".

The Times has pointed out on several occasions that it is absolutely essential for M Attali *and his highly qualified team to* operate with as much independence as possible since there is nothing more capable of stifling the success of the bank than political shareholders interfering in what should be commercial decisions. But it may be that stifling the operation is what some of the shareholders have in mind.

We know now that the bank's independence will be limited. M Attali will have to contend with a 24-strong non-executive board, resident in London, all expenses paid, at a cost amounting to one quarter of the bank's staff budget.

One might wonder whether a *bureaucratic and political setup* of this kind is best placed to help east Europe embrace the free market economy. One outspoken critic is Vaclav Klaus, not a friend of the bank, who is even *accusing the West of reimporting* socialism back into his country. He has a point. The constitutional structure of the bank and the political motives of its shareholders have more than a little in common with a socialist state combine. The people of east Europe deserve better than that and will hope that the ill omens of this week are not fulfilled.

Chinese wall

The market has been telling Coats Viyella that it must raise the stakes in order to win *control of its rival textile firm* Tootal. Tootal shares have been trading about 10p above Coats' all cash offer of 65p per share. Enter Cha Chi Ming to heighten Coats' difficulties by adding 500,000 shares to his own substantial holding at a price of 74.5p. But whether Mr Cha can successfully build his own version of a Chinese wall in defence of Tootal remains to be seen.

The move is a high profile rejection of the offer and one that will carry some weight. Mr Cha, whose Far Eastern interests include both textiles and property now speaks for 6.3 per cent of Tootal worth some £13 million and is not to be underestimated.

Earlier this week, Coats was understandably miffed at the further delay in Office of Fair Trading clearance for its £194 million bid for Tootal. Earlier marriage plans were picked over thoroughly by both the OFT and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and cleared subject to a tidying up of the combined thread interests.

Coats has taken what steps it believed were needed to meet the MMC's conditions, so why the further delay?

Undoubtedly sheer frustration explains part of Coats's reaction. Time is on the defender's side in buoyant markets with further base rate cuts in the air.

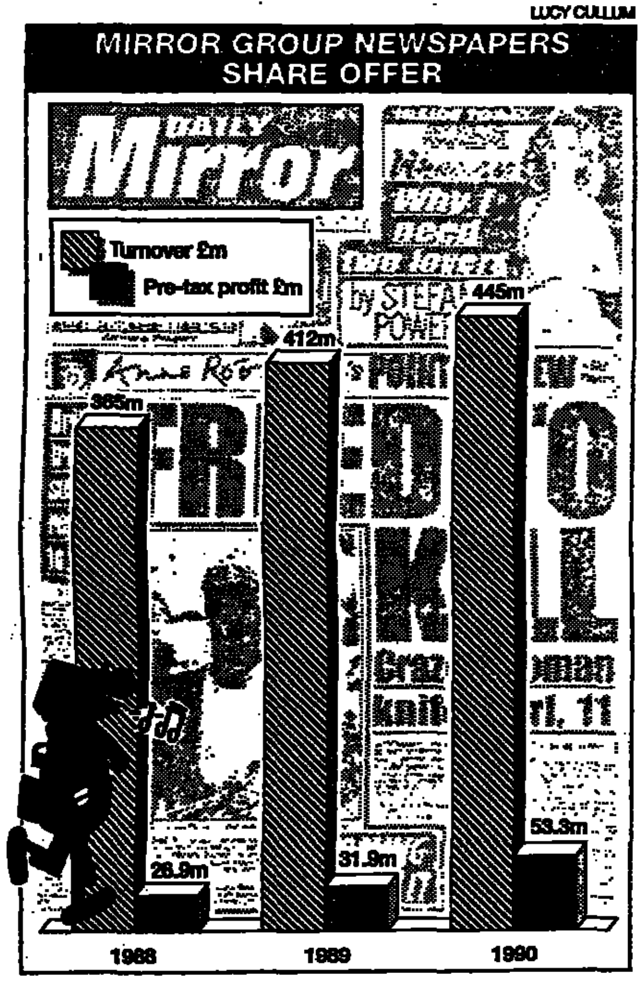
Tootal will use the delay to push home to the City its strongly argued case that it already has a well developed strategy for independence in a tough trading environment.

The second string to the defence is the clear assertion that Coats needs Tootal more than Tootal needs Coats. But if Tootal is working on a profits forecast to pull from its hat if it should be needed, the extra time will also be helpful.

On the evidence of other British industries which have suffered at the hands of ferocious overseas competition, Tootal's search for niches and added value at the expense of low margin volume has much to commend it.

Tootal shareholders should sit tight while the OFT re-examines its case notes.

Andy Capp holds up Mirror to the public



LUCY CULLUM

ROBERT Maxwell, with customary aplomb, has launched the publicity campaign for the flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers. Over the next three weeks, the public, and *Daily Mirror* readers in particular, will be bombarded by images of Andy Capp, the cartoon character, encouraging them to invest in the £250 million flotation.

Mirror Group is selling between 45 and 49 per cent of its enlarged share capital, to raise an estimated £250 million and value the entire group at about £500 million. Of this, £210 million is being used to repay the group's bank borrowings.

The company publishes the *Daily Mirror*, the *Sunday Mirror*, *The People* and *The Sporting Life*, the racing newspaper. In Scotland, it produces the *Daily Record* and the *Sunday Mail*, as well as two free newspapers. The company also owns a 26 per cent stake in Quebecor Printing, a Canadian commercial printer, and a 26 per cent holding in Donohue, a Canadian timber and newsprint group.

Mr Maxwell is targeting the flotation at the small investor. The prospectus will be published in the Mirror and the minimum subscription will be £250. Only about a third of the *shares will be available to the* public. The rest, depending on demand, are being placed with British, continental and American institutions.

Prospective investors in MGN can only dream of doing as well as Mr Maxwell, who has made a massive return on the £113 million he paid for the group in 1984. Over the years, Mirror Group has lent Headington Investments, one of his many private companies, £304 million. All this will be forgiven at the flotation by the declaration of notional dividends.

These notional payouts are in addition to a £14.9 million dividend the company paid in 1989, when its capital expenditure was at its peak.

Robert Maxwell Holdings, a further private company, stands to gain about £40 million of the flotation's proceeds through the declaration of another notional dividend.

After the flotation, Robert Maxwell Holdings will own a stake of 51 to 55 per cent in the group, worth an estimated £250 million at the issue price.

Mirror Group's fortunes have been transformed since Mr Maxwell bought it. In the year to March 1984, it made a £4.3 million operating profit on a £274 million turnover. Cost reductions and a £500 million investment programme turned this into an £88.3 million operating profit on sales of £445 million last year.

The group is not publishing a profit forecast for the current year but says that operating profits in the first quarter was ahead of 1990, due to higher circulation and advertising revenue. This is in spite of a 130,000 fall in the circulation of the Mirror and Record, to 3.76 million.

The turnaround and the investment has strained Mirror Group's balance sheet considerably. The company has valued its newspaper titles at £625 million. Without this, the group would have had net assets of £5 million last year, compared with bank loans of more than £380 million.

The pathfinder prospectus makes it clear that, regardless of the flotation, MGN will remain inextricably woven into Mr Maxwell's web of public and private interests since Mr Maxwell will remain as executive chairman with his son, Ian, as deputy chairman.

The company will continue to pay for administrative services from Maxwell Communication Corporation, Mr Maxwell's other main public company, and Pergamon Holdings, his private vehicle.

The hand-in-glove relationship between MGN, MCC and Pergamon, is demonstrated best by the treatment of the Mirror building at Holborn Circus, London. Mirror Group rents from MCC for £7 million a year. MCC in turn leases the building from Pergamon.

It also seems likely that Mirror Group will engage in the inter-company deals, which have featured heavily Mr Maxwell's business history.

Headington Investments is retaining control of Mr Maxwell's loss-making newspaper businesses, principally *The European* and the *Daily News* in New York, along with some eastern European titles. These will be offered to Mirror Group when they turn into profit. With the *Daily News*, this could be by the year end.

The issue seems destined to be priced at a p/e ratio of about ten, and Mirror Group's merchant bankers are confident of a good reception from institutions.

NEIL BENNETT
Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Chemists keeps to formula

TEMPUS

THE two latest acquisitions at Lloyds Chemists are both more of the same and something different.

The £48 million purchase of Kingswood-GK from Booker and the founding Kiamtia family is definitely in the former category. Despite its size, this is very much a formula deal for Lloyds. The usual savings-wringing rules will be applied, including closing the head office and the two local warehouses.

These and other measures will take an estimated £2 million out of costs at Kingswood. Lloyds' tried and tested formula of refurbishment, longer opening hours, a higher proportion of non-NHS sales, and new product ranges can also be expected to start the tills ringing at a faster rate than hitherto. It may be predictable but a succession of previous similar deals has shown that it works.

The less expected part of the Booker package, the 191 Holland & Barrett health food stores, may require somewhat different treatment, but the Lloyds management is confident savings can be made.

The shops are being bought at a discount to net assets at the low price of £36,000 per outlet. On last year's operating profits of £930,000, Lloyds is paying a multiple of about 11 times, though the £2 million cost cuts would reduce this to about four times.

The one-for-two rights issue financing the deals means the acquisitions are likely to be marginally dilutive in the current year to end-June, with perhaps one percentage point taken off earnings growth. Expected pre-tax profits of £19 million would give 19.3p of earnings on the enlarged capital base, putting the shares on a multiple of 14. The real benefit, however, will come through in 1992, when pre-tax profits can be expected to reach £33 million and earnings per share 23.3p. The rights should be taken up.

Higgs and Hill

IF HIGGS and Hill is to play a full part in the reconstruction of Kuwait, not to mention eastern Europe, it evidently believes it could do with a little rebuilding of its own finances.

Although the balance sheet *looks no less healthy than* most in the sector, with gearing down to 20 per cent by the year end if the two joint venture projects are ignored, the outlook is not encouraging. Earnings of just 10.2p a share, after exceptional items, barely paid for half the 1990 dividend, and, while analysts were having difficulty adjusting their forecasts yesterday, there was little doubt that there will not be much to spare once the promised maintained payment has been made this year.

Given the expectations of a further net cash outflow, it should not, perhaps, have come as much of a surprise that the board would seek to take advantage of the recent rise in the share price on the strength of Middle East contract hopes, to raise fresh funds.

However, the terms of the £24.8 million rights issue, indicating a near 25 per cent discount to the current share price, acknowledge a certain concern in the market about the near-term prospects.

For all the promise of eastern Europe, underlined by the group's agreement to build the £50 million Praha Hotel, and the balance that the expansion into water engineering will bring, the 74 per cent crash in profits was among the worst in the sector.

Even if Higgs can chalk up 25p of earnings this time, the price/earnings multiple is close to 13 at the ex-rights price of 322p. There are better investments in the sector.

River & Mercantile

RIGHTS issues by investment trusts reflect buoyant markets and the success of split capital formulas. River & Mercantile Extra Income is raising up to £15.6 million only 18 months after its launch. The shares are offered at 106p, marginally above asset value, against a market price of 110p. They are likely to be popular with the group's many holders of personal equity plans (Peps).

Gearing comes from a zero coupon debenture, so the portfolio value must rise at an average 4.5 per cent just to maintain asset value at 100p. So far, the shares have beaten the index even in capital terms, despite the 10 per cent yield.

The issue will, however, alter the arithmetic because the gearing is reduced. This means the yield on the underlying portfolio must eventually rise from about 6 to 8 per cent, involving use of convertibles. Lower gearing will also affect the warrants, showing the dangers of tinkering with complex capital structures.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Pathé ousts Parretti

SIR Hugh Wontner, president of the Savoy Group, may be tickled to learn of the fortunes of Giancarlo Parretti, the Italian financier. For Parretti, who claims to have worked as a waiter at the Savoy Hotel before finding fame and fortune, has been ousted as head of Pathé Communications, the troubled film studio that only four months ago paid $1.3 billion to buy MGM. His departure was one of the conditions laid down by Crédit Lyonnais, the French state-owned bank, which is to advance a $154 million rescue package, on top of the $1.5 billion it has granted Pathé in the past four years. Alan Ladd Jr, a former president of 20th Century Fox, is taking the helm. Parretti is expected to continue as a member of the Pathé board and remain a majority shareholder. Four years ago, Parretti rescued the former Cannon Group film makers. A comeback at the Savoy Grill, meanwhile, does not appear likely.

COUNCIL officials in Santa Clarita, California, have hit on an unusual way of finding out what residents want from local government. They intend to interview every hairdresser in the city. John Caravalho, the city manager, says: "These are the people who listen to local people's problems day in, day out. There's nothing they don't know."

Lucrative Ladas

BRITAIN'S motoring chiefs *have their problems, but they* should spare a thought for the makers of Lada cars, one of the Soviet Union's better known exports. From July, taxi drivers in Hull who apply for or renew their licence will only *be allowed to drive black* hackney cabs – a decision that has enraged locals who, it seems, have a soft spot for Ladas. The city council says the cars have given Hull a "joke image", adding that visitors refer to Hull as "Lada taxi city". As the war of words hots up, David Bray, director of marketing for Lada cars, has written to a local newspaper expressing his outrage. He points out that Hull has been the sole port of entry to Britain for the cars for the past 17 years, providing revenue. "In that time, more than 300,000 of these cars and spare parts have passed through Hull docks, earning the city more than £10 million," he fumes. "Some joke!"

"...and hydro is when you take water in it."

Mirror image

THE average City prospectus is a dreary affair. But an attempt to liven up the flotation of Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group came to grief at the hands of m'learned friends. The idea was to tell the story of the *Daily Mirror* in true tabloid *Mirror* style. But the lawyers failed to appreciate the joke. The red pens came out, and so did the tabloid-style hyperbole, in exchange for a more suitably legalistic tone in time for yesterday's pathfinder prospectus.

Watchdog curbs

AFTER *suffering hundreds of* millions of pounds in losses, Britain's insurance companies are playing hot and heavy over cost control at the insurance ombudsman bureau. "None of us has money to throw around," says Tom Roberts, of General Accident, who chairs the board of the bureau. On average, each company will fork out £4,300 towards this year's £1.45 million budget. Moving the insurance ombudsman out of London, perhaps to Milton Keynes, where the motor insurers bureau has set up shop, is being considered. Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, should know within months where his new home will be, but the move may do little to dent costs. Even halving the bureau's rent by moving would save the 336 member insurance companies little more than £200 each.

Jazzed up bank

REVELLERS at Ronnie Scotts Club in Soho last night were intrigued to spot Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster Bank, among the guests, tapping his feet. He was taking a break from his more serious duties to promote the latest album by the NatWest Jazz Band, recorded in aid of the Save the Children Fund. The last record raised £30,000 for the charity. Lord Alexander says: "It provides an important opportunity to promote the bank's charitable image, and is a clear demonstration of our commitment, even in these difficult times, to our community presence." Music to the ears, perhaps, of County NatWest, which has been given two years to make a profit...or else.

JON ASHWORTH

British Gas advises customers of amendments to the Medium Term Contract Pricing Schedules.

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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	691	CU	484	Lucas	1,428	Royal Ins	594
Allo-Lyons	3,045	Courtaulds	319	M&S	5,615	Sainsbury	2,719
Anglian	1,021	Enterprise	1,351	Maxwell Cm	6,948	Scot & N	389
ASDA	4,304	Eurotunnel	24	MEPC	148	Sears	2,311
AB Foods	387	Fisons	2,076	Midland	3,313	Severn Trnt	324
Argyll	1,141	Gen Acc	623	Nat Power	5,300	Shell	4,678
BAA	2,436	GEC	5,200	Nat West	3,459	Smith & N	7,934
BET	2,284	Glaxo	4,204	N W Water	895	SK Beech	1,844
BTR	1,335	Grand Met	1,800	P&O	417	Sun Allnce	1,962
BAT	1,399	GUS 'A'	34	Pearson	1,407	Tarmac	1,640
Barclays	1,970	GRE	2,391	Pilkington	1,586	Tate Lyle	1,962
Bass	1,342	Guinness	743	PowerGen	4,700	TSB	948
BICC	507	Hamm 'A'	4	Prudential	3,227	Tesco	2,589
Bk Scotlnd	179	Hanson	14,664	Racal	4,664	Thames Wtr	1,115
Blue Circle	1,995	H & C	651	Rk Hovis	1,066	Thorn EMI	282
BOC	729	Hawker	512	Rank	644	Trafalgar	1,358
Boots	1,011	Hillsdown	428	R&C	276	THF	1,535
Br Aero	457	ICI	2,038	Redland	568	Ultramar	1,929
Br Airways	2,922	Kingfisher	1,077	Reed	297	Unilever	785
Br Gas	53	Lasmo	1,518	Reuters	776	United Bis	606
Br Petrol	5,773	Ladbroke	2,558	RMC Gp	258	Wellcome	731
Br Steel	3,118	Land Sec	595	RTZ	1,053	Whitbrd	558
Br Telecm	5,414	L&G	1,674	R-Royce	7,368	Wgn Teape	560
C&W	1,173	Lloyds	1,322	Rothmn 'B'	210	Williams	381
Cadbury	1,957	Lonrho	2,508	Royal Bank	347	Willis Cor	1,109

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3010.89 (+24.01)*
S&P Composite .... 390.87 (+3.25)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26980.37 (+167.07)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3697.01 (−30.45)
FT-SE Euro 100 ..... 1126.20 (+12.55)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 97.3 (+0.8)
Sydney: AO .... 1490.6 (+18.9)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1623.83 (+20.47)
Brussels:
General .... 5846.00 (−5.61)
Paris: CAC .... 485.75 (−1.40)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 558.2 (+3.9)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1230.65 (+10.69)
FT.— "500" .... 1357.90 (+13.00)
FT. Gold Mines .... 139.0 (+0.6)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 94.66 (−0.01)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.92 (−0.15)
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Dow slips in early dealings

New York
BLUE chips succumbed to some profit-taking in morning dealings after mild gains. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1 point to 2,985.88 after rising to 2,991. However, the Nasdaq index of smaller stocks was up 2.90 to 509.65.

Jim Schroeder, a market analyst at MMS International, said: "The market is a bit overextended on a short-term basis, so it is not too surprising to see things pull back."

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed firmer for the fifth consecutive day, spurred by Wall Street's overnight gain and the stronger yen. The Nikkei average was up 167.07 points to 26,980.37.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares finished their fifth consecutive day of gains with a 1.2 per cent rise. The Dax index ended 20.47 points higher at 1,623.83, its highest close since September 3.

☐ **Sydney** — Prices swept to their highest close this year, driven by a sharp jump in Wall Street and lower inflationary expectations. The All-Ordinaries index surged 18.9 points, or 1.3 per cent, to 1,490.6, its best close since September 13. *(Reuter)*

STOCK MARKET

Index nears all-time trading high

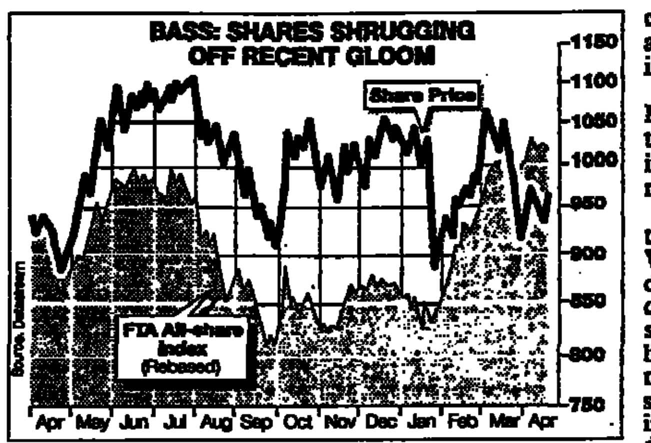
THE London stock market took its lead from a strong performance overnight in New York where the Dow Jones industrial average began its attempt on the 3,000 mark.

News of a jump of more than 50 points in New York provided a firm start in London with brokers reporting early support from both America and the Continent. However, demand failed to match expectations and turnover was disappointing with only 481 million shares changing hands.

A swift recovery after a hesitant start saw the Dow average reach 3,000 and this gave a late fillip to domestic shares. The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, 25.5 points higher at 2,545.0 — only 10.3 shy of its all-time trading high. The FT index of 30 shares also rose 15.9 to 2,001.4.

But dealers continued to complain about low turnover and gave warning that the futures market is still playing a big part in the price movements in the cash market. They said that a big bid was needed to revive institutional interest.

Government securities spent another lacklustre day with prices falling £⅛ at the longer end despite the growing hopes of a cut in both American and Spanish base rates. All City eyes today will be on the Bundesbank meeting.



Bass, the brewing and hotels group, advanced 31p to 961p after a mention in this column. Dealers are now convinced that the group's £557 million rights issue has been a success with the bulk of it taken up by the institutions. The rump is expected to be placed within the next day or two. Once this is out of the way, dealers expect the share price to shake off its sluggishness and enjoy a sustained rally.

The long-awaited, 44-page review of Ultramar from Kleinwort Benson, the broker, dropped on fund managers desks yesterday and seems to have been favourably received with the price climbing 7p to 330p. Kleinwort's highly-rated oil team has calculated assets at 474p a share — a 43 per cent premium to the ruling price. Kleinwort rates the shares as a strong buy.

The initial shock of the rights issue last month sent the Bass price reeling. There have also been other problems for the group, including the purchase price of the Holiday Inns hotel chain and the slump in hotel bookings because of the dollar's weakness and the Gulf war. But dealers are now starting to take a positive view of long-term prospects with Bass's pre-tax profits expected to grow from £520 million to £650 million in the current year despite difficult trading conditions. The group has also announced a restructuring of its Holiday Inns division.

Shares in **Radio City**, the Merseyside independent station, soared 32p to 301p after it announced that it had received a bid approach.

The banks edged firmer in thin trading with **National Westminster** 4p better at 335p despite the news of the first-quarter losses at its American subsidiary reaching $191 million. **Barclays** shrugged off market talk this week that suggested it was contemplating a rights issue to finish 3p dearer at 463p. There were also gains for **Lloyds Bank**, 6p better at 355p, while **Midland**, the subject of persistent bid talk, firmed 2p to 229p.

The market was able to absorb news of another clutch of fund-raising exercises.

Lloyds Chemists rose 3p to 278p after announcing plans to raise £73.8 million on the basis for one-for-two at 230p. The group is buying the Kingswood-GK chain of chemists and Holland & Barrett from Booker, up 11p at 480p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has changed its recommendation for Booker from a hold to a buy.

The **Higgs and Hill** construction group fell 8p to 332p on the news of its £25 million rights issue on the basis of two-for-seven at 260p. The group will use the proceeds to expand and broaden the mix of the business.

The flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers lifted **Maxwell Communication Corporation** 6p to 236p and boosted other publishers. **Pearson** rose 13p to 747p, **Reed International** 9p to 450p, **United Newspapers** 6p to 371p and **Home Counties** 3p to 194p. **Reuters** benefited from a broker's recommendation with a rise of 14p to 881p.

Century Oils was steady at 144p as Panmure Gordon, the broker, stood in the market, bidding 145p a share for stock. Fuchs, the private German lubricants group, is now believed to own about 43 per cent of the shares after its increased cash offer, valuing Century at £146.2 million. The offer closes on April 29.

The pharmaceuticals companies attracted selective support, helped by a presentation, arranged by Warburg Securities, on the industry. **SmithKline Beecham A** added a further 13p to 831p after Monday's meeting with analysts during which SKB forecast further strong earnings growth. **Reckitt & Colman** added 32p to £15.47 with at least one market-maker struggling to cover a short position.

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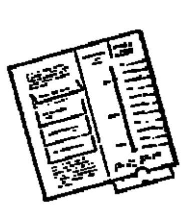

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Intl Inc	64.75	69.24	-0.06	3.47

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights x Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 92.9 (day's range 92.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Apr 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7820-1.7890	1.7820-1.7830	0.87-0.85pr	2.45-2.43pr
Montrl	2.0475-2.0565	2.0475-2.0513	0.36-0.32pr	0.78-0.72pr
Amstrdm	3.3502-3.3595	3.3502-3.3536	¾-⅝pr	2⅛-1⅞pr
Brussels	61.07-61.38	61.07-61.23	18-14pr	40-35pr
Copnhgn	11.3816-11.4236	11.3816-11.4059	2-1⅝pr	5¾-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1120-1.1151	1.1120-1.1130	22-16pr	58-48pr
Frankft	2.9743-2.9817	2.9758-2.9803	⅝-½pr	2-1⅞pr
Lisbon	258.03-259.86	258.03-259.07	14pr-4ds	63-115ds
Madrid	183.37-184.32	183.37-184.01	28-38ds	64-74ds
Milan	2201.66-2212.85	2201.65-2206.48	1pr-par	1pr-par
Oslo	11.5402-11.6090	11.5402-11.5645	1½-1⅛pr	4⅛-3⅝pr
Paris	10.0575-10.0837	10.0594-10.0740	2⅜-1⅞pr	6¼-5⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.7152-10.7803	10.7152-10.7390	par-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅞ds
Tokyo	241.56-243.29	242.98-243.29	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	20.9180-20.9828	20.9180-20.9476	5¼-4⅞pr	14¼-12⅝pr
Zurich	2.5336-2.5434	2.5402-2.5434	⅞-⅝pr	2⅛-2pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17444.3-17582.0
Australia dollar	2.2919-2.2954
Bahrain dinar	0.6705-0.6785
Brazil cruzeiro *	464.790-467.659
Cyprus pound	0.818-0.828
Finland marka	6.975-7.035
Greece drachma	321.15-324.36
Hong Kong dollar	13.9800-13.9397
India rupee	36.07-35.47
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8773-4.8837
Mexico peso	5300-5400
New Zealand dollar	3.0241-3.0811
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6875-6.7475
Singapore dollar	3.1241-3.1278
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8241-5.9239
S Africa rand (com)	4.8454-4.8636
U A E dirham	6.53-6.61

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6035-1.6050
Singapore	1.7471-1.7481
Malaysia	2.7275-2.7295
Australia	1.2817-1.2828
Canada	1.1486-1.1491
Sweden	6.0120-6.0170
Norway	6.4800-6.4850
Denmark	6.3750-6.3800
W Germany	1.6650-1.6660
Switzerland	1.4190-1.4200
Netherlands	1.8755-1.8765
France	5.6325-5.6375
Japan	135.55-136.65
Italy	1234.0-1236.0
Belgium (Com)	34.28-34.30
Hong Kong	7.7900-7.7910
Portugal	144.80-145.00
Spain	102.70-102.80
Austria	11.71-11.73

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Agreed rates Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11⅜ Low 9 Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 11³⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-11½	11⅝-11⁷⁄₁₆	11⅜-11⁵⁄₁₆	10⅞-10¹³⁄₁₆	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12⁵⁄₃₂	12⅜	12	11⅜	
Interbank:	11⅞-11¾	11⅝-11⅞	11⅝-11⅞	11²¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆	11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 11½, close 11½.					
Local Authority Deps:	11¹³⁄₁₆	n/a	11⅞	11⁹⁄₁₆	11⅜
Sterling CDs:	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞	11¹³⁄₁₆-²⁵⁄₃₂	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞	11⁹⁄₁₆-11½	11¹¹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.00	6.05-6.00	6.08-6.03	6.20-6.15	6.60-6.55
Building Society CDs:	11²⁷⁄₃₂-²⁵⁄₃₂	11²⁷⁄₃₂-¹³⁄₁₆	11²⁷⁄₃₂-11⅞	11¹⁹⁄₃₂-11½	11⅜-11¼

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	6³⁄₁₆-6	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⅛	6⅛-5⅝
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅜-9¼	8½-7½
French Franc:	9¼-9	9¼-9⅛	9⅜-9¼	9½-9⅜	9½-8½
Swiss Franc:	8½-8¼	8½-8⅜	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	8¼-8⅛	8-7
Yen:	8¼-8	8⅛-8	8-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $361.25-361.75 Close: $360.65-361.15 High: $361.90-362.40
Low: $360.50-361.00 Krugerrand: $360.00-361.00 (£201.25-202.25)
Sovereigns: Old $85.50-86.50 (£47.75-48.75) New $84.50-85.50 (£46.75-47.75)
Platinum: $400.50 (£224.10) Silver: $4.05 (£2.265) Palladium: $96.75 (£54.15)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 34620	Jun 91	2558.0	2583.0	2548.0	2580.0	5021
	Sep 91	2608.0	2608.0	2608.0	2620.5	5
	Dec 91				2655.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 126296	Jun 91	88.68	88.69	88.65	88.67	9463
	Sep 91	89.32	89.35	89.31	89.33	3175
	Dec 91	89.53	89.56	89.52	89.56	893
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 34081	Jun 91	93.70	93.73	93.70	93.73	1789
	Sep 91	93.45	93.48	93.46	93.47	665
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 96616	Jun 91	90.86	90.73	90.66	90.71	12183
	Sep 91	90.86	90.92	90.85	90.91	3870
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6325	Jun 91	96-27	97-08	96-27	97-06	1625
	Sep 91				96-14	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 29784	Jun 91	92-08	92-13	92-00	92-05	17943
	Sep 91				92-13	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	96.00	96.00	95.85	95.91	459
	Sep 91				96.17	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 77139	Jun 91	85.50	85.84	85.44	85.78	42965
	Sep 91	85.86	85.90	85.80	86.08	118
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2396	Jun 91	90.65	90.67	90.65	90.70	90
	Sep 91	90.86	90.86	90.85	90.84	20

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	650-649	May	577-576	May	187.2-86.2
Jul	674-673	Jul	597-596	Aug	188.2-86.2
Sep	696-695	Sep	616-614	Oct	187.0-85.0
Dec	730-729	Nov	633-632	Dec	187.6-83.0
Mar	758-755	Jan	649-648	Mar	186.6-83.2
May	778-777	Mar	664-663	May	189.6-84.2
Vol: 5703		Vol: 4919		Vol: 913	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	138.80	May	117.85	Jun	120.0-19.0
Jun	140.30	Sep	107.90	Aug	122.5-21.0
Sep	111.50	Nov	111.50	Oct	126.0-24.5
Nov	114.50	Jan	114.85	Dec	131.0-27.0
Jan	118.00	Mar	117.80	Feb	134.0-31.0
Vol:	183	Vol:	67	Vol:	100

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 276

	Open	Close
May ($/tonne)	129.0	129.0
Sep	81.3	80.0
Oct	81.3	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.34	212.20	110.68
(+/-)	+1.04	*+12.63	+1.10
Eng/Wales:	87.34	214.27	109.79
(+/-)	+1.04	+12.83	+0.81
(%)	-8.2	-7.7	+2.3
Scotland:	n/a	180.68	115.59
(+/-)	n/a	-6.89	+8.01
(%)	n/a	-68.5	-7.5

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Apr	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.5
May	
Open:	unq
Close:	113.8
Jun	
Open:	unq
Close:	114.0

Volume: 66

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude was slightly higher, pushed up by the gasoline inventories, which registered a draw.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.65	-0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	20.15	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.80	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.80	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.40	+0.10

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	244 (+3)	247 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	184 (+4)	186 (+4)
Non EEC 1H May	185 (+5)	187 (+7)
Non EEC 1H Jun	180 (+4)	182 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (+1)	72 (+1)
Naphtha	202 (+5)	204 (+2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

May	178.00-77.75	Sep	176.60 BID
Jun	173.50-73.25	Oct	177.25 BID
Jul	172.50 BID	Nov	unq
Aug	174.00 BID		Vol: 6263

BRENT

May	19.95-20.05	Jul	19.25-19.35
Jun	19.55-19.65		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 91	1592	1565	1592
May 91	1535	1500	1535
Jul 91	1236	1220	1236
Oct 91	1335	1330	1335

Vol: 456 lots Open interest: 2826
Dry cargo index 1580 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1386.0-1387.0	1371.0-1372.0	710872
Lead (£/tonne)	325.50-326.50	339.00-339.50	103725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1415.0-1425.0	1185.0-1188.0	228250
Tin ($/tonne)	5480.0-5485.0	5575.0-5580.0	5165
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1391.0-1392.0	1423.0-1424.0	716900
Nickel ($/tonne)	8870.0-8880.0	8980.0-9000.0	16968

FOX MGMI INDEX
(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
May	153.00	154.00
Jun	152.70	153.60
Jul	152.50	153.10

Vol: 490

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Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the daily prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Warner Howard	Industrials S-Z	
2	Sears	Drapery,Stores	
3	Maxwell Comm	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	
5	Blenheim Gp	Newspapers,Pub	
6	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
7	Nat West	Banks,Disc	
8	Buckingham Intl	Leisure	
9	Beazer Plc	Building,Roads	
10	Microgen	Electricals	
11	Westpac	Banks,Disc	
12	Hardanger	Property	
13	Hanson	Industrials E-K	
14	Pifco	Electricals	
15	MEPC	Property	
16	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
17	Yorkshire Water	Water	
18	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
19	Hunting	Industrials E-K	
20	Boot (Henry)	Building,Roads	
21	Caird Gp	Chemicals,Plas	
22	Aus New Z	Banks,Disc	
23	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
24	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
25	GEC	Electricals	
26	Anglian Water	Water	
27	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
28	Warner	Property	
29	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Welsh Water	Water	
31	Rothmans 'B'	Tobaccos	
32	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
33	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
34	High-Point	Industrials E-K	
35	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
36	Macro 4	Electricals	
37	Central TV	Leisure	
38	Cresta	Industrials A-D	
39	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
40	Delta	Electricals	
41	Gestetner	Industrials E-K	
42	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Stores	
43	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
44	North West	Water	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Mr Kenneth Kemp, of Brighton.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares stage late rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 15. Dealings end April 26. §Contango day April 29. Settlement day May 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	305	308	+5	20.4	5.4	6.8
336	283	Northumbrian	332	337	+2	21.4	5.3	5.0
318	257	North West	303	307	+3	21.0	5.6	6.2
302½	231	Severn Trent	297	300	..	19.5	5.4	6.4
300	239	Sthn Water	287	291	+1	20.0	5.6	7.7
327	255	South West	304	308	+2	23.2	6.2	6.0
323	253	Thames Water	312	315	-3	21.4	5.6	6.4
350	272	Welsh Water	340	343	+2	[illegible]	5.4	6.7
385	255	Wessex Water	383	390	+3	20.3	4.5	8.7
326	264	Yorkshire Water	323	326	+2	20.6	5.2	6.5
£5130	£1000	Package Unit	£3130		+27			

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Fancy a fantasy space flight?

Make a wish and you can go anythere. That is the reality of a new computer invention, Chris Partridge says

BARRY GREENWOOD

Seeing is believing: Robert Stone, wearing headset and glove, picks up a teapot (inset, on screen) in a virtual reality experiment

Computers are about to take people to places they have never been able to visit before, including the surface of other planets. Such a trip will be an illusion, but one that comes closer to real life than anything on stage or screen. Artificial worlds are being built up in a computer memory so that people can walk through at will, look around, and even touch objects.

The system is called virtual reality, so called from the mathematical concept of an image that has the virtues of a real object without the substance.

Virtual reality systems are being developed throughout the world for a range of uses including enabling people to walk "inside" nuclear power stations, while controlling a robot that actually goes into an area in which no human could live, and conducting architects through a computer-generated building before it is constructed.

British scientists have a world lead in virtual reality, despite the fortunes being poured into research by Japanese and American companies, which see it as a technology for the next century.

In Britain, Robert Stone, of the Advanced Robotics Research Centre at Salford university, Greater Manchester, is developing systems that could put men on Mars without shooting them into space and could plunge divers under the North Sea without taking them out of the office.

The problem with guiding a robot by looking at a picture from a video camera mounted on it and twiddling the controls is that it is not a natural system, Mr Stone says. The operator spends all his time controlling the robot and none solving the problem. The time lag between seeing the image and sending a corrective control signal is another difficulty.

A virtual reality system consists of a helmet with a colour display in front of each eye, and wide-angle lenses to cover the entire field of view and give a stereoscopic effect. The helmet contains sensors, rather like electronic compasses, to record where it is pointing. A computer calculates what the wearer should be seeing in that direction and displays it on the screen.

In more advanced systems, the operator wears an electronic glove that detects exactly what the fingers are doing and transmits the information to the computer. If the user tries to pick up something, the computer will make the object follow the hand to give the illusion of carrying it.

Pads in the latest type of gloves press into the insides of the fingers and palm when an object is encountered, to create the illusion of feeling it. Complete "exoskeletons" covering the user and allowing the computer to simulate almost anything possible in real life are still in the laboratory.

A fire-fighter in a nuclear power plant, for example, would move through a computer model, wearing an exoskeleton, while a robot would move through the real thing. The computer program will be derived from the data used to design the plant in the first place.

Mr Stone has developed a data glove with air pockets that are inflated to give a sensation of touch, in collaboration with Airmuscle, the supplier of the pneumatic systems that made the *Spitting Image* puppets really spit.

The biggest initial market is likely to be for a new generation of video games. W. Industries, of Leicester, recently launched a virtual reality system for video arcades. The system, called Virtuality, consists of a cockpit in which a player sits, wearing the helmet, at a set of controls that can mimic a bobsleigh, a spaceship or whatever the imagination of the games programmer can devise.

The helmet has a pair of liquid crystal displays with wide-angle lenses giving a stereoscopic image, and a set of magnetic sensors to tell the computer what the helmet is looking at as it moves.

The first game is a fighter simulation. Another is based on a sequence in the film *Return of the Jedi*, in which flying motor cycles race through a forest. The computer can link and control several helmets at once for a group game.

Great balls set scientists on fire

The discovery of soccer-ball shaped carbon molecules has caused a buzz in scientific circles, even though they may be useless

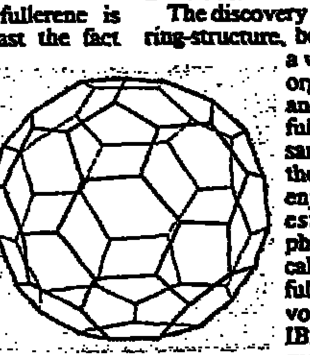
Scientists who have been excited by the properties of a new form of carbon are likely to become ecstatic when they read today's issue of *Nature*.

American researchers at AT&T Bell Laboratories in New Jersey report that the soccer-ball shaped molecules of a form of carbon known as fullerene behave as superconductors.

When doped with alkali metals and cooled to minus 255C, fullerene conducts electricity with no resistance. The researchers' finding was both remarkable and unexpected.

Fullerene is already one of the brightest stars in chemistry, even though so far nobody can be certain what uses, if any, it is going to have.

Everything about fullerene is extraordinary, not least the fact that a form of carbon, the atom that is present in all forms of life on Earth, had remained undiscovered until 1985. One of the scientists responsible for making that discovery, Harold Kroto, of Sussex university, has compared it to Columbus's voyage to the New World 500 years ago. What really set off the explosion of interest, however, was the more recent discovery of a method for making fullerene in worthwhile amounts, which was published at the end of last year. This method turned out to be so simple that it could be done in any school laboratory, using a welder, two graphite rods and a large container.



Exciting: the buckyball

Fullerene consists of 60 atoms of carbon, arranged in a sphere with 32 faces, exactly like those of a football. This is the highest form of symmetry allowed by Euclidean geometry, in which the panels are composed of 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons.

The structure is so reminiscent of the geodesic domes of the 20th century American architect and engineer Buckminster Fuller that the material was named buckminsterfullerene, or fullerene for short. American researchers often use an alternative name, buckyballs. Two recent scientific meetings in the United States have been set buzzing by buckyballs as by no other recent discovery except high-temperature superconductors. Chemists cannot believe that such an elegant structure will prove useless. "What good are they? Who knows! But I would bet they are good for something," says Donald Huffman of Arizona university, one of the scientists responsible for synthesising fullerene.

Optimists have suggested that the tiny spheres of fullerene would make excellent lubricants, or vehicles for delivering new drugs. Others claim they may find uses in fuels, rechargeable batteries, electronic devices and high-strength materials.

The discovery of the first carbon ring-structure, benzene, produced a whole new field of organic chemistry, and some believe fullerene will do the same. Meanwhile, the chemists are enjoying themselves establishing the physical and chemical characteristics of fullerene. The involvement of both IBM and AT&T suggests that some companies share Dr Huffman's optimism. A few weeks ago the AT&T team discovered that doped fullerenes conduct electricity. The group has now found that they are superconductors if cooled to a low enough temperature.

Researchers are showing particular interest in how the fullerene molecules pack together in solids. In principle they could fit together face to face, leaving no gaps, but both IBM and AT&T agree that in practice they pack more like a pile of footballs, with plenty of space. This may explain how the metal atoms in the doped fullerenes flow through the structure to conduct electricity.

Even if fullerene is found to be useless, it has already proved, Dr Huffman says, that it is still possible to make remarkable discoveries at low cost, and have fun at the same time.

NIGEL HAWKES

The green, green grass that may help Africa

MIKE WELLS/ASPECT

Vital food: sorghum in Africa

CABBAGES that remain a lustrous green and lawns that never go brown could be common in Britain in the Nineties, thanks to genetic research at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station in Aberystwyth. The research results could even relieve Africa's famines.

Dr Howard Thomas, a biologist, investigated a meadow fescue grass species that did not turn yellow in winter and isolated a mutant gene that keeps the leaves green indefinitely. Conventional crossing techniques have successfully introduced this gene into rye grass, the main grass type grown in the northern hemisphere. The next stage is to harness it for arable crops such as maize and wheat. Dr Thomas explains: "This would increase grain yields substantially because there is a direct link between greenness and the amount of grain produced. For example, keeping a field of maize green for one day longer can increase production by 5 per cent.

"At the moment, farmers use nitrogen fertiliser to extend the growing period. Far less would be needed if greenness was retained genetically, so that a more environmentally friendly crop could be produced more cheaply than at present."

Such a crop should be available by 1995, if Dr Thomas's genetic engineering research goes according to plan. Progress will depend on the speed with which the normal colour-controlling genes of maize, wheat or cabbages can be identified because, until they are isolated and switched off, the mutant gene will not work.

A painstaking identification process has begun and new ways of inactivating plant genes is being pioneered.

The project could eventually boost the West's arable crop production and improve the grain output of crops in the world's arid zones. The people of Ethiopia and Sudan depend heavily on sorghum, which provides grain to eat and leaves for animal fodder and building. Increasing its productivity to alleviate starvation in sub-Saharan countries is one of Aberystwyth's priorities.

IOLA SMITH

LEGAL NOTICES

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BENSON CONSTRUCTION (DERBY) LIMITED

I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 18th December 1990 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 15 April 1991
M R Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

EROSTIN GROUP PLC

We, C.G. Wiseman and B Mills of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN were appointed Liquidators of the above-named Company on 26th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 16 April 1991
C G Wiseman and B Mills
Liquidators

Network Appointments Ltd
Registered Number: 2092363
Network Technical Recruitment Ltd
Registered Number: 1961315
In Administrative Receivership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named companies will be held at Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London, W1 on 29 April 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 26 April 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R COPP
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
EDENFIELD PROPERTIES LIMITED
Registered number 2373864

Nature of business: PROPERTY DEVELOPER. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 APRIL, 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: CAISSE NATIONALE DE CREDIT AGRICOLE. Joint Administrative Receivers: JOHN A. TALBOT AND MURDOCH McKILLOP (office holder nos: 2731 and 0/006096/01) Both of ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO.
P.O. BOX 55
1 SURREY STREET
LONDON WC2R 2NT

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
OSBORNE ESTATES LIMITED
Registered number: 1434256.

Nature of business: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 APRIL 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: BANK OF IRELAND. Joint Administrative Receivers: GORDON CHRISTOPHER HORSFIELD AND ROGER MARSH (office holder nos:5899/01 and 6925/01) Address: PRICE WATERHOUSE 9 BOND COURT LEEDS LS1 2SN

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator
Insolvency Rules, 1986
Rule 4.106 (1)
In the Matter of
Raftround Limited
(In Compulsory Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 1991, Mr. Salman Saud, B.A., F.I.P.A., of 2 Oakwood View, Southgate, London, N14 6QJ., was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1991
Mr. Salman Saud, B.A., F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

OLDE TRANSPORT LIMITED
Registered number:1228883.

Former company name: HAYFORD & BEAZLEY GROUP TRANSPORT LIMITED. Nature of business: Transport Carriers. Trade classification: 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10th April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Kevin Paul Barry FCA and Keith David Goodman FCA (office holder nos. 6741 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co., P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

MALCOLM CLIFFORD LIMITED

I, TERENCE JOHN ROPER FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on the 19th March 1991 by Members and Creditors.

Dated: 12th April 1991
T.J. Roper FIPA
Liquidator

POWERED SHOWERS PLC

Registered number: 1404188. Nature of business: Shower Manufacturers. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28th March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Jonathan J. Schapira & Keith D. Goodman, FCA (office holder nos: 5784 & 2407) of 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London. W2 6LF.

RAJINDER & SONS LIMITED

Registered number: 1103370. Nature of business: DIAMOND DRILLING. Trade Classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 5 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: JOHN ROGER HILL AND PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES. (office holder nos 5757 and 6119) of 20 Old Bailey.
London, EC4M 7BH.

TERRANOVA COMPUTERS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP on Thursday 2 May 1991, at 10.30am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP on Tuesday 30 April and Wednesday 1 May 1991.

Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 1 May 1991 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.

By order of the board
A Halpern
Director
16 April 1991

Note: Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring 0703 233322 to obtain the necessary forms.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
PERRYMATICS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Post House Hotel, Herbert Walker Avenue, Southampton, SO1 0HJ on Monday 29 April 1991 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

CREDITORS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING: 1) THE MEETING IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING A LIQUIDATOR TO THE COMPANY.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that:

a. he has given to the joint receiver not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) Insolvency Rules 1986 and

b. there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

The motion to be put before the meeting is the appointment and constitution of the receivership creditors' committee under S.49 Insolvency Act 1986.

Dated this 15th day of April 1991
PS Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Perrymatics Limited
(In Receivership)

THAMES (FORK LIFTS) COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Palace Hotel, 31 Great Cumberland Place, Marble Arch, London W1 on 25th April 1991 at 2.30 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 10TH APRIL 1991
Donald Narchi
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Rentabond Ltd t/a Letterform
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -

I hereby GIVE NOTICE that I, George Albert Auger, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 8 April 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 11 April 1991
G A Auger
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
MANWAY ESTATES COMPANY LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that Brian Lawrence Lasky of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS and Peter J Yeldon of Messrs Smith & Williamson, Chartered Accountants No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company on 4 April 1991.

PETER J YELDON and
BRIAN L LASKY
JOINT LIQUIDATORS

THE LONDON BICYCLE COMPANY LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at:- CORK GULLY, SHELLEY HOUSE, 3 NOBLE STREET, LONDON EC2V 7DQ on 13 May 1991 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, by no later than 4.00 p.m. on 10 May 1991, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his or her behalf.

Please note that the original proxy signed by or on behalf of the creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned: photocopies (including faxed copies) are not acceptable.

Dated 11th April 1991
FOR R W CORK AND
J C M BISHOP
Joint Administrative Receivers

TWINSET LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated the 11th day of April 1991
TERENCE DONAL WEBB
Director

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House of Lords

Benefits not deductible from award

Smoker v London Fire and Civil Defence Authority
Wood v British Coal Corporation

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman and Lord Lowry

[Speeches April 11]

A plaintiff's pension benefits were the fruits of moneys set aside in the past in respect of his past work and were not deductible from damages awarded to him for loss of earnings following injury at work due to his employer's negligence or breach of statutory duty.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defendant London Fire and Civil Defence Authority by leave of the House direct from Mr Justice Auld (*The Times* January 19, 1990; [1991] 2 WLR 422), who had awarded the plaintiff, Mr Alexander Frank Smoker, damages and interest totalling £21,552.66, and an appeal by the defendant British Coal Corporation from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Leggatt) (*The Times* October 10, 1990; [1991] IRLR 22), who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Roy Wood, from Mr Justice Boreham and varied the judge's order to give a total judgment for Mr Wood of £66,660.97.

Mr John Samuels, QC and Miss Kerstin Boyd for the LFCDA; Mr Richard Clegg, QC, Mr Allan Gore and Mr Martin Seaward for Mr Smoker; Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith for the BCC; Mr Richard Clegg, QC, Mr Simon Grenfell and Mr Allan Gore for Mr Wood.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Mr Smoker had joined the London Fire Brigade in 1969 and had been employed as a professional fireman at all material times by the Greater London Council. The LFCDA were liable for any damages under the Local Government Act 1985.

On February 7, 1985, Mr Smoker had been disabled while on duty in an accident caused by the GLC's negligence or breach of statutory duty. He had lost £13,525 which he would, but for the accident, have earned between December 15, 1985, and December 15, 1987, when he would have reached pensionable age and retired in any event.

Between December 15, 1985, and December 15, 1987, he had received £9,926.89 by way of ill-health pension, injury gratuity and injury pension.

The question was whether the LFCDA had to pay £13,525 for loss of earnings, in which case he would be £9,926.89 better off than he would have been had no accident occurred, or whether it was only liable to pay £3,598.11 on the ground that the damages suffered by him had to be reduced by the amount that he had received by way of ill-health pension, injury gratuity and injury pension.

When Mr Smoker had become a fireman he had become, by the terms of his employment, a member of the Firemen's Pension Scheme. He had contributed 10.75 per cent of his wages to it and the LFCDA had contributed twice as much. The amounts of ill-health pension, injury gratuity and injury pension depended on the fireman's length of service at the date of retirement due to disablement and were a proportion of his retiring pay.

Mr Wood had been injured in April 1982 in an accident for which the BCC's negligence or breach of statutory duty had been responsible to the extent of 75 per cent. The judge had assessed the BCC's liability for damages at £54,959.55 after deducting £8,699.94 on account of pension receipts to which Mr Wood had become entitled under the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme. The question was whether that sum was deductible.

Under the scheme, Mr Wood had contributed 5.14 per cent of his pay and the BCC had contributed a like amount. A member of the scheme who retired early as a result of ill-health received one-ninetieth of his retiring pay for each year of service and a lump sum equal to three years' pension.

In Mr Smoker's case the judge had decided that he was bound by the decision of the House of Lords in *Parry v Cleaver* ([1970] AC 1) not to allow deduction of the ill-health pension, injury gratuity and injury pension. In Mr Wood's case the Court of Appeal had similarly held that his pension receipts were not deductible.

In *Bradburn v Great Western Railway Co* ((1874) LR 10 Ex 1) it had been held in an action for injuries caused by the defendant's negligence that the sum received by the plaintiff on an accident insurance policy could not be taken into account in reduction of damages.

In *British Transport Commission v Gourley* ([1956] AC 185) the House of Lords had held that, in awarding damages for loss of earnings, actual and prospective, the court had to allow deduction for the income tax and surtax that the plaintiff would have had to pay on his earnings.

In the melody of decisions, including decisions from Commonwealth countries, declining to allow pensions to be deducted from damages a discordant note had been struck by the Court of Appeal in *Browning v War Office* ([1963] 1 QB 750).

The Court of Appeal by a majority had held that the plaintiff's disability pension had to be taken into account and credit given for it in assessing the pecuniary loss for which he was entitled to be compensated. The majority had relied on the principles laid down in *British Transport Commission v Gourley* and disapproved the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Payne v Railway Executive* ([1952] 1 KB 26).

In *Jones v Gleeson* ((1965) 39 ALJR 258) the High Court of Australia had affirmed the principle that a disability pension was not deductible from damages for negligence and declined to follow *Browning v War Office*.

In *Parry v Cleaver* a police constable had been severely injured by a motor car driven negligently by the defendant and become entitled as of right to a pension on being discharged from the police force for disablement.

The House of Lords had held by a majority of three to two that the pension should be ignored in assessing the plaintiff's financial loss.

Lord Reid had said (at pp14-16): "As regards moneys coming to the plaintiff under a contract of insurance, I think that the real and substantial reason for disregarding them is that the plaintiff has bought them and that it would be unjust and unreasonable to hold that the money which he prudently spent on premiums and the benefit from it should enure to the benefit of the tortfeasor . . .

"I can see no relevant difference between [a retirement or disablement pension] and any other form of insurance. So, if insurance benefits are not deductible in assessing damages and remoteness is out of the way, why should his pension be deductible?"

In the present case counsel for the appellants had sought to distinguish *Parry v Cleaver* on the ground that they were in the triple position of employers, tortfeasors and insurers.

In his Lordship's opinion, that made no difference to the principle that the plaintiff had bought his pension, which was, in Lord Reid's words "the fruit, through insurance, of all the money which was set aside in the past in respect of his past work". The fruit could not be appropriated by the tortfeasor.

The appellants had alternatively asked the House of Lords to depart from *Parry v Cleaver* under the *Practice Statement (House of Lords: Judicial Precedent)* ([1966] 1 WLR 1234).

Decisions of other countries applying and developing the common law and made before and after *Parry v Cleaver* had reached the same conclusion. Insurance companies had charged premiums and employers and trade unions had negotiated industrial relations in the light of *Bradburn v Great Western Railway Co* decided over 100 years ago and *Parry v Cleaver* decided over 20 years ago.

Insurance companies and employers were at liberty to draft, although not bound to insist on, pension schemes in a way that would negate the effect of *Parry v Cleaver*. Parliament had not been minded to alter the law. The appellants' attempt to alter the law by invoking the *Practice Statement* failed.

The appellants claimed that there had been a change of circumstance in that it could be shown that *Parry v Cleaver* had introduced uncertainty in the law and that since 1970 there had been a clear trend at common law against double recovery. But *Parry v Cleaver* had established clearly that *pension benefits were not deductible* and that double recovery was not involved.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Bridge and Lord Brandon agreed with Lord Templeman and Lord Lowry delivered an opinion agreeing with Lord Templeman.

Solicitors: Masons; Robin Thompson & Partners (in Mr Smoker's case); Nabarro Nathanson for Nabarro Nathanson, Doncaster; Brian Thompson & Partners for Brian Thompson & Partners, Liverpool (in Mr Wood's case).

Granting access to special procedure material

Regina v Northampton Magistrates' Court, Ex parte DPP

Once a judge had found that a serious arrestable offence had been committed and that special procedure material sought under section 9 of and Schedule 1 to the Police and Criminal Act 1984 would be of substantial value to the investigation, he could not refuse an application to grant an access order.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rougier) so held on March 19 in granting an application for judicial review brought by the prosecution against the decision of Judge Hall on November 27, 1989 at Northampton Crown Court that it was not in the public interest for Shepherd & Co, Towcester, solicitors holding the material on behalf of their client, to have to produce the material.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that once a judge had concluded under paragraph 2(a)(i) of Schedule 1 to the 1984 Act that a serious arrestable offence had been committed, it was hardly consistent to find anything other than that it was *an offence for which there was a* public interest in bringing the matter to justice.

The matter would not be remitted given the lapse of time but there would be *certiorari* to quash the judge's decision.

Court of Appeal

Insurance no ground for ship's arrest

Bain Clarkson Ltd v Owners of Sea Friends

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment April 12]

Insurance brokers could not obtain an order pursuant to section 20(2)(p) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to arrest a ship for non-payment of insurance premiums.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an interlocutory *ex parte* appeal by Bain Clarkson Ltd, the plaintiff brokers, against the decision of Mr Justice Sheen on April 11 to hold Master Topley's decision that their claim against shipowners for US$15,000 for unpaid premiums was not a claim falling within the admiralty jurisdiction under section 20(2)(p).

Mr Nigel Meeson for the brokers.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the plaintiffs were a firm of Lloyd's brokers who had incurred a liability to Lloyd's underwriters in respect of hull insurance for the Sea Friends.

They had issued a writ claiming $15,000 due but unpaid by the owners. The question whether they were entitled to arrest the vessel depended on whether their claim was by an "agent in respect of any disbursements made on account of a ship" within the meaning of section 20(2)(p) of the 1981 Act.

The registrar had expressed some doubt as to whether an insurance broker was an agent within paragraph (p). He accepted that it was arguable that "agent" was wide enough to *include the manager of a ship* [as suggested in the note to paragraph (p) under paragraph 1367 of Part II of the Rules of the Supreme Court].

To hold that it might cover an insurance broker, however, was to stretch the language of paragraph (p) still further.

He then went on to decide that an insurance premium was not a disbursement made on account of a ship, it might have been a disbursement in respect of a ship but that was a different matter.

He said that so far as the evidence went, it was not concerned with operational aspects of a ship's life but was a payment made to protect the financial interests of the owners. There was a distinction between money advanced to keep a ship seaworthy and trading and money advanced to protect the financial interests of the owners unconnected with the life of the ship.

Mr Justice Sheen had dismissed the brokers' appeal. First, on the same grounds as the registrar; second, by reference to section 20 being founded on the International Convention Relating to the Arrest of Seagoing Ships signed at Brussels on May 10, 1952.

His Lordship had pointed out that in *Gatoil International Inc v Arkwright-Boston Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co* ([1985] AC 255) the question had arisen whether insurers could enforce a maritime claim for unpaid premiums.

Lord Wilberforce had pointed out (at p265) that the Convention did not include insurance premiums among the maritime claims justifying arrest as a matter of policy.

His Lordship said that if the legislative intention behind the 1981 Act had been to exclude insurance claims it would be curious if it were to be included by a sidewind.

His Lordship reached the same result as the registrar and Mr Justice Sheen for the reasons they had given.

To give one example, fuel oil was a disbursement within paragraph (p) because it was needed to keep the ship going. Insurance was not needed to keep the ship going, it could sail uninsured (although, in practice, it would not do so). The words of paragraph (p) were reasonably clear and were not wide enough to cover the appeal.

Lord Justice Nourse agreed.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE, also agreeing, added that in *Clifford Chance v Owners of Atlantic Trader* (unreported, January 29, 1991) Mr Justice Mayo had held [on legislation in identical terms to paragraph (p)] that professional fees came within the admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court of Hong Kong.

For the reasons give by Lord Justice Lloyd, that broad construction could not be accepted.

Solicitors: Ince & Co.

Overpaid tax interest cannot be recovered

Regina v Inland Revenue Commissioners, Ex parte Commerzbank AG

A non-resident bank conducting trade in the United Kingdom through a branch in London could not in English law to recover from the Inland Revenue substantial sums of interest on overpayments of corporation tax; however, the case was referred to the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Henry) so stated on April 12, in judicial review proceedings after concluding that neither section 825 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 nor article XX of the Double Taxation *Relief (Taxes on Income) (German Federal Republic)* Order (SI 1967 No 25) availed the applicant, Commerzbank AG, in its claim to recover repayment supplement of some £5.1 million.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that in February 1990 Mr Justice Mummery had held that the applicant bank was exempt from paying UK tax on interest because it was not resident in the United Kingdom and he ordered the repayment of £4.2 million (*The Times* February 22, 1990; [1990] STC 285). The applicant now applied for interest on that sum.

So far as United Kingdom law was concerned the applicant failed in its claim. So far as European law was concerned the applicant's case was that it was entitled to the repayment supplement by virtue of sections 2 and 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 and, *inter alia*, articles 5, 7 and 52 to 58 of the EEC Treaty.

The court's decided to invite a *ruling by the European Court of* Justice. The answer to the question was essentially a matter of degree and therefore a question of policy: the European Court was best placed to decide the matter.

Different character of co-accused

Regina v Gibson

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Mantell

[Judgment April 12]

Where one of two co-accused had good character while the other had previous convictions of which the jury was unaware, the judge in his summing up should say very little about the character of the defendants and leave it to counsel to make such references to the defendants' character as he saw fit.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing the appeal of Rodney Douglas Gibson against his conviction, along with another, at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Paiba and a jury) of gross indecency contrary to section 13 of the Sexual Offenes Act 1956.

Mr Edward Quist-Arcton for the appellant; Mr Nigel Ingram for the prosecution.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that in every case the judge had to tailor his summing up to the particular circumstances of the case. What might be desirable in a case of burglary might not be in a case of gross indecency.

Where one of the co-accused was of good character and the other had previous convictions to his name which the jury was unaware of, the judge, by stressing the good character of the one defendant, might be highlighting the bad character of the other defendant. That in turn could reflect adversely on the defendant who was of good character.

It was very difficult for a judge to balance the interests of each defendant.

Where one of the co-accused had good character and the other defendant had previous convictions which the jury was unaware of, it was advisable for the judge to say very little about the character of the defendant who did not have any previous convictions.

If the trial judge was of that view then it was prudent for him to indicate to counsel in the absence of the jury his opinion and his reasons for it.

It was then for counsel to make such references to the defendant's good character as he saw fit in his speech to the jury.

In the instant case no such reference was made by the judge nor was any indication given to counsel and only a passing reference was made by counsel of the defendant's good character.

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THE TIMES La Crème de la Crème

Dazzling Mystiko stakes his 2,000 Guineas claim

By RICHARD EVANS

MYSTIKO, who gallops alone on Newmarket Heath before most of the town's inhabitants are awake, caught his rivals napping in the Ladbroke European Free Handicap yesterday to thrust himself into the 2,000 Guineas picture.

His impressive victory completed a marvellous 53-1 double for Clive Brittain following Terimon's repeat win in the Earl of Sefton Stakes half an hour earlier.

Mystiko's success left the bookmakers confused. Hills' post-race offer of 20-1 for the colt's classic vanished as quickly as the snow flurries in the Suffolk sunshine. Corals' quote of 16-1 did not last much longer and was trimmed, like the Hills price, to 12-1. The race sponsors went 10-1.

The last winner of the Free Handicap to taste classic success was Mrs McArdy in 1977 but Brittain speaks of Mystiko in the same breath as Pebbles, his 1,000 Guineas winner. Michael Roberts, Brittain's South African jockey, dismounted from a gallop last week to say no horse had given him such a good feel since Mtoto.

Mystiko, a $150,000 purchase, shared the lead with Anjiz for around six furlongs before displaying a rare zip of speed to leave his ten rivals in his wake.

The front-running tactics were a deliberate ploy after Mystiko failed to sparkle when held up behind Mujtahid in the Gimcrack Stakes at York last August.

"The restraining tactics didn't suit him," Brittain explained. "I thought it left a bad impression in his mind. I could have run him again and won a good race but I thought I had a very good horse for this year, so I put him away early which gave me a full winter to work on him and get him to relax and settle."

Mystiko is up before the pheasants, according to his trainer, and working alone on the gallops by 5.30 in the morning. "He works on his own because he has such tremendous speed. He burns other horses up and that discourages them."

The disappointment of the race was Flying Brave, who had been working impressively at home with both Marju, winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and Shadayid, market leader for the 1,000 Guineas.

Perfectly placed behind the two front runners, John Dunlop's colt failed to find anything extra when the race began in earnest and finished fourth. "He got a bit tired and certainly wanted the race more than I thought he did. But I was slightly disappointed," Dunlop said.

Lady Beaverbrook's brown and maple leaf green colours, carried by Mystiko, were earlier first past the post in the Earl of Sefton Stakes, but Terimon's victory was gained in contrasting style.

In a thrilling finish, six horses were abreast approaching the furlong pole with Terimon tucked in behind. The 500-1 runner-up to Nashwan in the 1989 Derby likes nothing more than coming fast and late between horses. Roberts timed his run to perfection and swooped between Ruby Tiger and Stapleford Manor to hit the front about 75 yards from the line.

"He likes to come through horses and to get involved. Today was ideal and everything broke right for us. He is a courageous horse and I have always thought there is a group one race in him. I still do," Brittain said.

Fanmore had been burning up the gallops according to the Pulborough grapevine and his winning performance in the Johansens Guides Wood Ditton Stakes showed that the glowing home reputation was deserved. Although headed by Shakeel three furlongs out, he galloped on relentlessly to win by 2½ lengths.

Pastorale is unlikely to take up her 1,000 Guineas entry but is certain to win good races before the season ends after an impressive winning debut in the Geoffrey Barling Maiden Stakes.

Norton's Coin defies critics

By PAUL WHEELER

NORTON'S Coin proved his critics wrong when winning the South Wales Showers Caradon Mira Silver Trophy at Cheltenham yesterday.

The 1990 Gold Cup winner had been called ungenuine after his defeat at Liverpool but here he put up a courageous performance to beat Waterloo Boy by a head after an exciting tussle from the last.

Sirrell Griffiths, the winning trainer, said: "I wouldn't have been disappointed if he'd been beaten as it was such a marvellous finish." On the question of the winner's gameness, he said: "He's totally genuine. He just doesn't like to jump a fence when he's in front but he doesn't mind jumping a hurdle."

Norton's Coin has yet to make his debut over the smaller obstacles but Griffiths is toying with an ambitious plan. "Graham McCourt told me I should train him for the French Champion Hurdle in June. He's just coming to himself but we'll have to see how he is after this."

John McConnochie won the Marston's Pedigree Bitter Golden Miller Chase for a second successive season when Gala's Image sprang a 14-1 surprise.

John O'Dee led his rivals a merry dance and was still ahead at the last but Gala's Image belied his 11 years to overhaul the leader on the run-in.

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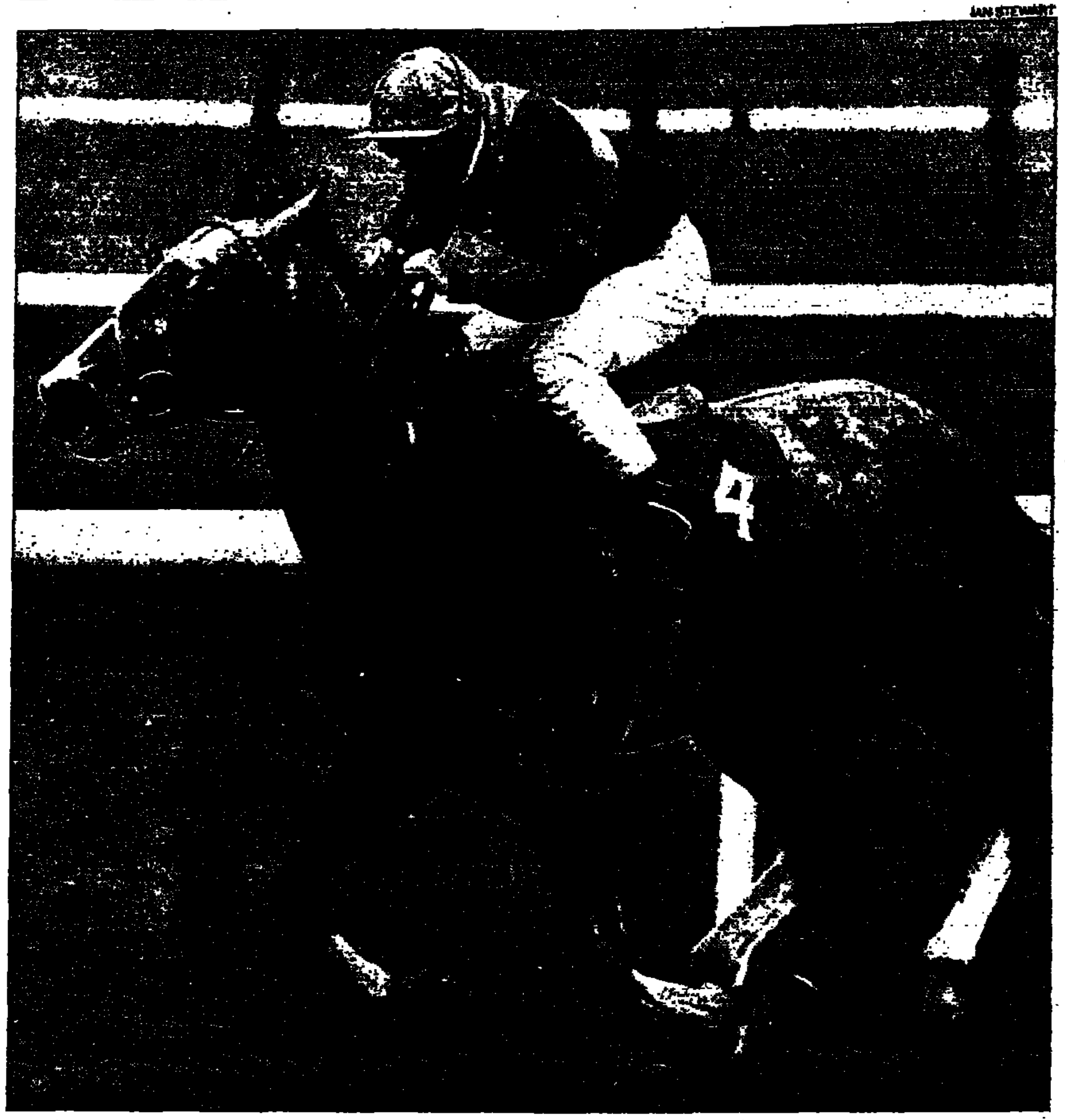

Classic clue: Mystiko and Michael Roberts forge clear to land the European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

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BOXING

Eubank power should end Stretch challenge

By BRYAN STILES

BOXING thrives on hype. It is the oxygen which fuels the interest of the fight fans and turns them into paying customers eager to roll up and see the show. The big show in town tonight is, according to the promoters, the one featuring "Beauty v The Best" at the Grand Hall in London's Olympia.

They are hoping the hype has done the trick as there are 1,400 seats to fill. Under the spotlight in the red corner will be Chris Eubank who, for the purposes of the show, is billed as "The Best" — a misnomer in the eyes of some.

Gary Stretch is also centre stage. He was landed with his billing as he is regarded as one of the beautiful people whose face and figure have been his fortune; modelling clothes on the catwalk when he is not in the ring throwing punches.

He will be there to strut his stuff tonight, trying to take Eubank's World Boxing Organisation middleweight title — a daunting task when recalling the bruising encounter in which Eubank bludgeoned the title from Nigel Benn.

Tale of the tape

Eubank		Stretch
24	Age	25
11st6lb	Weight	11st4lb
5ft 10in	Height	6ft 2in
73in	Reach	76in
	Chest	
40in	Normal	42in
42in	Expanded	44in
16½in	Biceps	15½in
13in	Forearm	12½in
32in	Waist	28in
24in	Thigh	22in
16in	Calf	14in
16½in	Neck	15½in
8½in	Wrist	7in
13in	Ankle	10½in

RECORDS

Eubank: 26 wins, 0 defeats.

Stretch: 23 wins, 1 defeat.

Stretch has been getting himself into shape for the ordeal with four weeks of intensive training in the Nevada desert. He estimates he has sparred 130 rounds with Virgil Hill, the World Boxing Association world light-heavyweight champion. Hill will soon take on Tommy Hearns, one of the idols of the sport, so Stretch's body should be in proper condition.

According to the ever-revolving publicity machine, he has employed the services of a Chinese to ensure his mind is in order. Michael Tse is teaching Stretch how to meditate and relax, using the chinese Qigong method.

The sessions are designed to help relieve anxiety if a patient is in a stressful situation. Few things could be more stressful than the prospect of facing a psyched-up, unbeaten Eubank in a tiny roped-off arena.

Stretch, the 6ft 2in former British light-middleweight champion, has lost only once in 23 bouts, many of which have shown him to be an accomplished performer.He has knocked out or stopped 14 opponents, but those were light-middleweights — notably different to the solid Eubank, who has shown he can take a punch and come back to win.

Stretch does have the advantage of being a talented and awkward southpaw, but the fact he has not fought for 11 months will tell against him. He claims to have found no cobwebs in his system despite the long lay-off, but by the time he has sorted out Eubanks's unorthodox approach he will probably have taken a lot of punishment.

He boldy announced last week, when the hype was running hot, that he was going to take the fight to Eubank and "stand and trade punches". That would suit Eubank, whose eccentric demeanour and posing has got him noticed.

His costly back head-butt against his last opponent, Don Sherry, of Canada, embarrassed him and will make him determined to produce a worthwhile display tonight. He should end Stretch's challenge by the seventh round.

Bruno ponders future

FRANK Bruno returned home yesterday with a question mark still hanging over his boxing future after an eye operation for a torn retina. The former British heavyweight champion said: "I haven't decided on that yet. I'm not going to rush into a decision like that."

Further examination will be necessary to assess any long-term effects of the injury, which it is thought Bruno, aged 29, sustained during his world title bout with Mike Tyson two years ago. He underwent the hour-long operation at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital on Tuesday night butdenied that Professor David McLeod, who performed the operation, was advising him not to box again.

Holyfield sees the score in old Moore's almanac

From SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, ATLANTIC CITY

EVANDER Holyfield may have to get up off the floor to retain his undisputed world heavyweight title against George Foreman here tomorrow. That was the view of Lou Duva, the champion's chief trainer and manager.

With some clever and fanciful thinking, Duva thought yesterday that history could repeat itself. For the man who would be knocking Holyfield down would not be Foreman but the man behind the big man, Archie Moore. Holyfield would not be Holyfield but Rocky Marciano.

Duva, then 33, was working in Marciano's corner that day in 1955. Like Foreman, Moore was 42 years old. The age difference was not quite the 14 years between Foreman and Holyfield now, but Marciano was a good ten years younger than Moore. The old man floored Marciano in the second. But Marciano recovered to win in the ninth.

"The closest thing to Rocky Marciano today is Evander Holyfield," Duva said, surprising those who know that the fighting styles of the two could not be more different.

"I got the tape of Archie Moore's fights and gave it to Evander," Duva said. " 'This is the guy you are fighting,' I said. Moore can teach only his own boxing." Holyfield was particularly interested in the bout between Moore and Marciano.

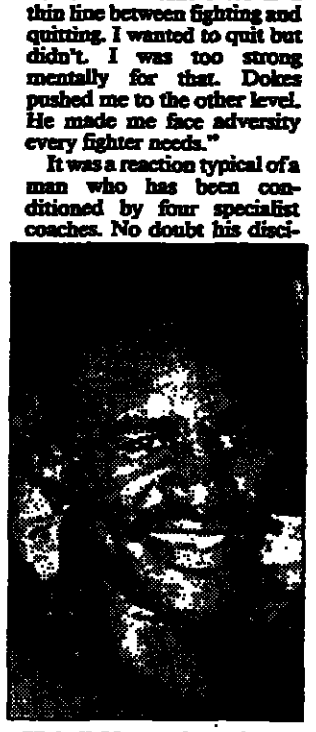
With Marciano in view, Holyfield's plan is to rain punches on the old man and keep him on the defensive and off balance.

Holyfield's assistant trainer, "Professor" George Benton, said: "George has always been a pitcher, he has never been a catcher. I always look at George Foreman as a tree. I have never seen a tree that could not be chopped down. When he is defending, he can't punch. Holyfield is going to be hitting him so much he'll think it is raining in his face."

Duva is hoping that Holyfield does not receive a Foreman special on the chin even if the work rate of his man will be four to one.

The champion wanted to quit when in trouble against Michael Dokes. "In the eighth round I was asking myself 'Do I want to be here?'," he said. "People don't realise that there is a thin line between fighting and quitting. I wanted to quit but didn't. I was too strong mentally for that. Dokes pushed me to the other level. He made me face adversity every fighter needs."

It was a reaction typical of a man who has been conditioned by four specialist coaches. No doubt his discipline has also helped him face up to his divorce and family worries and the financial difficulties of his car dealership.



Holyfield: new Marciano

Holyfield said: "As long as I'm on this earth, there is always going to be a problem, but I have been blessed with concentration."

Holyfield, a quiet man, too quiet for some publicity men, has taken the back seat in the pre-fight preliminaries, letting Foreman do all the talking, the funny lines: "Don't you get smart or I'll put you inside two slices of bread and eat you" or "If he runs people will say, 'What's he running from a senior citizen for?' "

It does not bother him that Foreman has been getting all the attention. "If it wasn't for him fighting me, no one would be thinking about what George is saying," Holyfield said. But the champion, who does not want to live in the shadow of the people's champion, Mike Tyson, and craves respect from the public, is not slow to give respect to the bald old man he meets tomorrow.

He admits that beating Foreman will probably not help his credibility, but he looks up to the more experienced former world champion. "A lot of people think George hasn't beaten the best competition," Holyfield said.

"But he hits very hard and is strong enough to conserve his energy. I give him all the respect. In time, I believe, respect will come to me, too. I guess my hope is that reality for people will snap back once this fight is over. They'll say, 'Here's a guy who trained hard and worked hard to attain his goal'. I figure, sooner or later, they'll come around."

Laing bows out as age takes its toll

KIRKLAND Laing, the grand but unpredictable veteran of British boxing, bade farewell to the sport on Tuesday night with the accolade of "a brilliant fighter." It came from his manager, Mickey Duff, after Laing's unsuccessful attempt to take the Commonwealth welterweight title from Donovan Boucher in Nottingham.

Age finally caught up with Laing, aged 36, and he was knocked out by a left hook after two minutes 24 seconds of the ninth round. There were flashes of Laing's genius, but at this stage of his career, his reflexes have dulled and he was hit too often by the Canadian.

Laing and Duff had agreed that retirement was the only course in the event of defeat — and Laing was true to his word as he quit almost 16 years to the day after he turned professional. "He's been a brilliant fighter and went out in a blaze of glory," Duff said. "This was definitely one of the best fights of his career.

"If he had become world champion, everyone would have copied his style. He had great anticipation and nobody can teach you to drop your hands and make the other man miss."

It was Laing's third defeat in succession following the loss of his European title to Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, and British crown to Delroy Bryan.

Laing said: "I've had a lot of fun in boxing and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Boxing is a hard, rough, tough and vicious sport, but I've always enjoyed and relished the challenge. But now I've had enough of this game.

"It was only the Nottingham crowd which kept me going. From time to time, I will keep touch with the sport by going down to the gym to teach the kids. But that's something I've been doing since I was 12 years old."

Laing had his moments against the strong champion from Toronto via Jamaica. He threw some outstanding combinations and was willing to trade blows, but it was evident that age had finally caught up.

Irwin in ABA final

JOHN Irwin, the Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, needed to call on all his experience to reach the finals of the George Wimpey ABA British championships.

The Doncaster featherweight won a unanimous points decision against Paul Samuels, of Newport, in the semi-finals in Blackpool and can now look forward to collecting more silverware at the Albert Hall on May 7.

Peter Culshaw, at light-flyweight, and Micky Horobin, at flyweight, scored convincing inside-the-distance victories. Culshaw, from Huyton, stopped Mark Hughes, of Gwent, in the second round, and Horobin, who is from the St Pancras club, knocked out Sean Rees, of Swansea, in the third.

Two other Welsh boxers, Jason Mathews and Joseph Calzaghe, who had opted to compete in the ABA tournament instead of the European championships, justified their decisions with unanimous victories.

Mathews, of Aberbargoed, a Commonwealth Games representative last year and ABA finalist in 1989, beat Adrian Stone, of Bristol, while Calzaghe, of Newbridge, proved too strong for Vincent Rose, of London, and won on points.

The defending light-middleweight champion, Tim Taylor, from London, also had a comfortable victory over Justin Fielding, of Mold, who was having only his fifth fight.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Case for consensus decision

From Mr Alan Treharne

Sir, As a Nottingham Forest supporter watching the FA Cup semi-final on television last Sunday, I was dismayed yet again to witness how the decision of the referee, Keith Hackett, in sending off Tony Gale, of West Ham, spoiled for many people what should have been a fine sporting spectacle.

Mr Hackett's decision, although he appeared not to be well sighted, seemed to be made without consultation with his linesman. Whether the decision was right or wrong, surely this incident reinforces the need to use the presence of umpteen cameras around the ground, not only for the benefit of the viewers but also for the purpose of monitoring such incidents by a panel of judges, at all the top games.

Such a system works in America, where the panel of judges looks at video replays from several angles before a major decision such as sending-off is made. This decision is then relayed to the referee through an earpiece.

The timescales involved are only a few seconds and would not interrupt the flow of the games, but more importantly would enable a decision to be reached by consensus of opinion, thus greatly reducing such controversy, disappointment and the resultant flak directed towards the referee.

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Days of Pegasus were fun

From Mr R. G. Dawson

Sir, My heart was warmed by David Miller's article (April 9) on Pegasus FC, who gave me two marvellous Amateur Cup finals in the days when I enjoyed watching football. The incredible cavortings when a goal was scored had not become the norm, the so-called professional foul was rare, sendings-off were infrequent and the ridiculous two-legged European competitions were unheard of.

I then read Colin Cowdrey (April 13), another true sportsman, on his hopes for cricket, which has deteriorated since the introduction of the one-day knockabouts and the open flouting of the rules in Test matches.

What a pity it is that sport had to become a serious business; it used to be such fun for spectators and, I suspect, players.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, David Miller might have added to his admirably evocative recollections of Pegasus the reason for its inception, as recalled by the founder, Dr H. W. (later Sir Harold) Thompson, on the eve of its first Wembley final in 1951:

> While admiring the rising skill of the professional game, they saw with some dismay the effects of prejudice by others against it, for this prejudice was providing a channel for the flow to Rugby football in many schools all over the country. Within a generation this might prove disastrous and damage our national prestige even in the world of International Soccer which this country has done so much to create, for without a veritable host of amateurs behind them, the professional ranks must surely dwindle . . . So, in order to strike *one* modest blow in Soccer's cause, the founders of Pegasus at Oxford and Cambridge determined to experiment with a new club, strictly amateur, formed from members of the two Universities.

How well they succeeded was endorsed by the two 100,000 crowds at Wembley, in 1951 and 1953. That endorsement may well be relied on by those who struggle to preserve rugby union's amateur status.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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From Mr Tom Griffiths

Sir, Ken Shearwood, of Pegasus FC, is still alive and kicking, and still the same inimitable combination of Tommy Cooper and Freddie Mills as Registrar of Lancing College.

Yours faithfully,
TOM GRIFFITHS,
Lancing College, Sussex.

English disease

From Mr A. T. Davis

Sir, Anyone reading the Comment by Stuart Jones (April 16) would be forgiven for believing that the alleged failure of club players to adjust to international football is a disease belonging exclusively to Arsenal. Only a handful of players have adjusted successfully, which accounts for the relatively poor results of England for so many years.

Is Seaman to be discarded after a handful of games when his only crime against the Republic of Ireland was the apparent inability of the defence as a whole to "push up"? Can a case really be made out that this so-called "failure rate" applies to Rocastle, Thomas and Winterburn when they have played a handful of games?

The point only becomes valid when they have had as many chances as players such as Barnes, Beardsley and McMahon, and still failed.

Yours sincerely,
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Flaw in new league plan

From Mr David Barnes

Sir, The proposal for the new Football Association Premier League (report, April 9) is not really new. It seems an idea that has been bubbling under the surface for several years among the "big clubs".

The "big clubs" are those which have the best grounds and the largest support. Unfortunately, they do not always seem to be able to combine that with the best players. Consequently, in any league based on sporting merit made up, say, of the top 16 or the top 18 teams, we find — embarrassingly enough for the "big clubs" — teams like Wimbledon, Luton, Norwich, Nottingham Forest and (going back a few years) Ipswich. Outside those top 16 rating clubs, we find teams like Sheffield Wednesday; occasionally Manchester City; Birmingham City; occasionally Aston Villa; Newcastle more often than not; Sunderland more often than not, until this year; Leeds United for many years.

That, of course, is what is wrong with the new proposal. There is nothing wrong with a smaller first division or premier league, whatever you like to call it. It is the idea that footballing merit and performance on the field of play should not be what determines its make-up.

Yours faithfully,
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New format to open up play

From Mr T. S. McRoberts

Sir, Simon Barnes (April 9) implies that the Fijians will have to sacrifice the charm and mischief, all the cavalier aspects of their rugby, if they are to win the World Cup. What a reflection on the lawmakers of the game if they allow it to continue to rot in the state that enabled England to win the grand slam against the French, who played the more attractive and memorable rugby. We speak of them as "playing the sevens game".

When the Scots invented sevens, they decided on a majority of backs and left the pack with numbers only enough to form a scrum. The result was a spectacular game, so fast moving that players could stay with it for just ten minutes at most without a break. For the longer game we need obviously more players, but why not keep the 3:4 sevens ratio between forwards and backs? The existing seven backs would then be matched with five forwards instead of the present eight.

Such a "twelves" game would greatly ease the availability of ball from lineout and maul, assist the referee in spotting malpractices and add hugely to the enjoyment of players and spectators. In any case, should there not be opportunity for players and clubs to experiment outside the existing formal leagues? There was once a time when captains agreed the rules just before the kick-off; a short season of trial and error might produce interesting results and bring back fun into the game.

Yours truly,
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Delicate touch

From Mr David Jordan

Sir, David Miller writes (April 11) that no one expected Don Bradman to be a humorist. This may be right, but he had a keen sense of fun.

I recall that during the Leeds Test match in 1948, Keith Miller was hit on the box, which he hauled out and threw on the pitch in front of him. Seeing this, Bradman dashed up from the non-striker's end, got on his knees and beat out the dent with his bat handle. He then threw the box to Miller who replaced it and the game continued.

All this was explained to BBC listeners by John Arlott, who told them the gales of laughter they could hear were caused by Bradman assisting Miller with his equipment. A delicate way of describing a delicate matter.

Yours faithfully,
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Left-handed quandary

From Mr D. B. Ll. George

Sir, While watching the Masters on television, I was struck once more, seeing shots of Phil Mickelson, how few professional golfers play left-handed.

It was reported in your columns (April 13) that even such an inveterate left-hander as David Gower plays golf right-handed, although I appreciate that he throws with his right arm. Apart from Mickelson, the only other top-class left-handed golfer I can recall is Bob Charles, of New Zealand.

I understand that approximately 12 per cent of the population is left-handed. Why, then, should there be such a preponderance of right-handed golfers which extends, I am informed, to club level? In reply to that question a golfing colleague of mine offered two reasons.

The first was that beginners usually start with handed-down clubs, which are usually right-handed. The second was that, for technical reasons, left-handed individuals make good right-handed golfers. If this is the case, why don't right-handed persons make good left-handed golfers?

Having a right-handed son who plays golf left-handed, I am in something of a quandary.

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Desert Sun to pass Newmarket test with flying colours

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

DURING the past six years the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes has pointed to Shadeed, Dancing Brave, Doyoun and Tirol all being good enough to go on to win the 2,000 Guineas over the same course and distance a fortnight later.

Against that backcloth, today's classic trial will generate enormous interest, more especially since the field of eight includes five who are still unbeaten. They are Radwell, *Desert Sun*, Island Universe, Marju and Hokusai.

For Desert Sun, currently the 2,000 Guineas second favourite, this is the acid test. Although only the winner of a maiden at Doncaster last October, albeit by six lengths, he is clearly held in high regard by Henry Cecil, who says openly that he is his best prospect at a mile since Kris.

As the Newmarket trainer has already won the 2,000 with Bolkonski and Wollow, such praise is based on a wealth of experience.

Pat Eddery, Desert Sun's jockey, says that while this colt by Green Desert out of Solar has unquestionably done all that has been required of him on the heath this spring, only today's race will tell them if he is as good as they think.

From a breeding point of view, a mile is certainly as far as Green Desert would want to go. My information is that his recent work, over seven-and-a-half furlongs along a strip adjacent to the Rowley Mile with older horses of the calibre of Citidancer and Halston Prince, points to him being good enough to pass this test with flying colours. He is my nap.

In contrast, news of Marju and Island Universe has not been nearly as encouraging. Of course, that does not preclude success, but it would have been nice to have heard their respective trainers, John Dunlop and Luca Cumani, discuss them in more reassuring terms.

Marju is a half-brother to last year's 1,000 Guineas, Oaks and Irish Derby winner Salsabil, while Island Universe is a full brother to the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, Ensconse.

Having won the Solario Stakes at Sandown last August, Radwell has the best credentials on paper, but his cause was hardly advanced last week when he trod on a stone and bruised a foot. That meant missing an important workout on Saturday.

Storm At Night, who was runner-up to the current 2,000 Guineas favourite Mukaddamah when both made their debuts at Nottingham in July, is my choice to win the Remy Martin XO Cognac Maiden Stakes.

Nicholas, who was such a creditable third in the Abernant Stakes on Tuesday, looks set to make a successful quick reappearance when he contests the Boadicea Handicap over a furlong further.

At Ayr, I like none better than the John Gosden-trained **Triviality** in the Western Music Fillies' Stakes.

Over the jumps at Cheltenham, **Runway Romance** appeals as the likely winner of the Park Financial Services Juvenile Novices' Hurdle. Her recent form at Liverpool and Cheltenham has been better than that of Hopscotch.

Cecil doubts

Henry Cecil has issued a warning over two of his Newmarket runners today. The Warren Place trainer says that Perpendicular (2.00) and Sacred Number (3.40) will run only in the event of "substantial" overnight rain.

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2.30 Achelous. 3.00 Talos. 3.30 One For The Pot. 4.00 Triviality. 4.30 Fizz Time. 5.00 La Masaas.

THUNDERER

2.30 Achelous. 3.00 Princess Roxanne. 3.30 One For The Pot. 4.00 Reshift. 4.30 **FOREVER DIAMONDS** (nap). 5.00 Time Lord.

Michael Seely: 3.00 Prosequendo.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (good in places) SIS
DRAW: 5f-6f, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 CASTLEHILL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,629: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1 55-6 KEEP YOUR WORD 13 (S) G Balding 5-10-0 Tracey Purseglove 2
2 3531 ACHELOUS 15 (B,S) J Glover 4-9-13 S D Williams 3
3 0312 PREMIER DANCE 26 (D) D Haydn Jones 4-9-11 A Tucker 4
4 20-5 BEAU BENZ 10 (B,D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-9-10 F Norton 1
5 5004 THOMAS LENG 10 (CD,G,S) M Brittain 5-9-8 S Maloney 12
6 2/01- OBELISKI 13J (CD,S) M Tompkins 5-8-8 M Godsafe (5) 6
7 50-0 GOLDEN BEAU 27 (C,F,G,S) A Harrison 9-8-2 N Kennedy 9
8 50/-0 REVARO 9 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-13 S Haworth 10
9 0-02 AL SHAREEF 7 (S) D Burchell 6-8-9 J Fordham (5) 8
10 -055 INDIAN FLUTE 37 W Musson 4-8-7 A Spence 14
11 /20- MAY QUEEN 358 S Kettlewell 4-8-2 G Parkin 13
12 0-40 MAC RAMBLER 10 N Bycroft 4-8-2 E Husband 7
13 20-0 TURF DANCER 15 J S Wilson 4-8-1 R Granger (5) 5
14 210- BOBBY ON THE BANK 28J (D,F,S) M O'Neill 5-7-10 W Frost 11

11-8 Achelous, 9-2 Premier Dancer, 8-1 Al Shareef, 8-1 Golden Beau, 11-1 Obeliski, 14-1 Thomas Leng, 16-1 others.

3.00 AUCHANS MAIDEN STAKES (£2,542: 1m) (13)

1 0 FINELY BALANCED 26 R Curtis 4-9-9 J Lowe 7
2 JAEGER J Gosden 4-9-9 A Cruz 10
3 0-2 KING FERDINAND 29 P Makin 4-9-9 Dean McKeown 2
4 PROSEQUENDO B Hanbury 4-9-9 W Ryan 1
5 RHY-BYE 35J R Woodhouse 4-9-9 D Nicholls 9
6 63- FLIRTING A LITTLE 310 J Gosden 4-9-4 G Hind (3) 13
7 04- LADY VIOLET 184 E Incisa 4-9-4 Kim Tinkler 8
8 22/6- MADELEY'S PET 384 Denys Smith 4-9-4 Gail Collingwood (7) 6
9 2636 PRINCESS ROXANNE 37 (B) A Bailey 4-9-4 A Tucker (5) 4
10 0- ROYAL GIRL 222 Miss S Hall 4-9-4 K Fallon 3
11 004- DOCTOR ROY 170 N Bycroft 3-8-8 S Webster 5
12 00-5 TALOS 16 B Hills 3-8-8 D Holland (5) 12
13 00-3 BOLD ARABELLA 17 J Berry 3-8-3 J Carroll 11

11-4 Jaeger, 4-1 Talos, 9-2 Flirting A Little, 8-1 Doctor Roy, Bold Arabella, 12-1 King Ferdinand, 16-1 others.

3.30 CRAIGIE CUP (Handicap: £4,425: 1m 5f) (9)

1 140- CELESTIAL GUEST 198 (F) R Guest 4-9-10 W Ryan 8
2 25-1 JUST MY BILL 8 (V,C,S) J Hetherton 5-9-3 (5ex) J Lowe 6
3 02-0 INDUBITABLE 13 (S) G Balding 6-9-1 J Williams 7
4 214- ONE FOR THE POT 35J (F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-7 A Cruz 9
5 -251 ST ARILDA 10 (S) M Bell 4-8-4 (5ex) J Carroll 5
6 F/0- ANOTHER NICK 16J J Jefferson 5-7-13 J Fanning (7) 2
7 58-0 QUEENS TOUR 28 (C,G,S) M Brittain 6-7-10 T Williams 3
8 0-30 DALE PARK 9 (S) (CD) N Tinkler 5-7-9 Kim Tinkler 4
9 0440 CAMDEN KNIGHT 9 (B,C,G,S) N Bycroft 6-7-7 L Charnock 1

3-1 Just My Bill, 7-2 St Arilda, 9-2 Celestial Guest, 7-1 One For The Pot, 9-1 Indubitable, 12-1 Queens Tour, 14-1 others.

4.00 WESTERN MUSIC FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,395: 7f) (4)

1 160- AYR CLASSIC 208 (C,G,S) J S Wilson 8-11 Dean McKeown 1
2 213- CRYSTAL PATH 181 (F) M Moubarak 8-11 A Cruz 2
3 1010 RESHIFT 8 (D,G,S) M Bell 8-11 P Turner (7) 3
4 115- TRIVIALITY 174 (G,S) J Gosden 8-11 G Hind (3) 4

5-4 Crystal Path, 2-1 Triviality, 9-2 Reshift, 6-1 Ayr Classic.

4.30 LAMLASH SELLING STAKES (£2,673: 6f) (14)

1 00-2 JAGGED EDGE 22 (S) R Holder 4-8-11 J Williams 2
2 0-50 YUKOSAN 15 (CD,G,S) Ronald Thompson 4-8-6 A Todd (7) 10
3 360- FOREVER DIAMONDS 185 (S) J S Wilson 4-8-5 J Lowe 7
4 690- *DOWN THE MIDDLE 184 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-8-13* S Haworth (7) 13
5 314- PETROPOWER 213 (B,G) M O'Neill 3-8-13 K Fallon 4
6 00-3 BINGO BONGO 22 D Burchell 4-8-9 R Price (5) 6
7 00-0 *KAILUA 78 P Monteith 4-8-9* S Webster 8
8 104- KANDARA 181 (D,F,G) P Haslam 3-8-8 Dean McKeown 11
9 22-0 ARALDO BLU 15 W Pearce 3-8-2 L Charnock 3
10 00-2 FIZZ TIME 17 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-2 A Cruz 5
11 0-52 STATELY MARCH 19 (D,BF,F) R Stubbs 3-8-2 J Carroll 1
12 600- BELLE OF STEEL 193 D Haydn Jones 3-7-11 T Williams 9
13 0-04 KIEGY 15 J Berry 3-7-11 Kate Mason (7) 14
14 30-0 OAKHURST 9 Ron Thompson 3-7-11 R P Elliott 12

7-2 Kandara, 11-2 Down The Middle, 7-1 Stately March, 8-1 Fizz Time, Araldo Blu, 10-1 Forever Diamonds, 14-1 others.

5.00 SMITHSTONE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,492: 5f) (8)

1 10-4 EL YASAF 5 (D,G) R Stubbs 9-7 D Holland (5) 1
2 -141 *LA MASAAS 26 (D,F) P Haslam 9-7* Dean McKeown 2
3 201- DREAM OF TOMORROW 162 (F) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll 3
4 600- STAMFORD BRIDGE 201 (D,F) M Brittain 9-2 K Darley 4
5 053- PERSUASIUS 239 W Pearce 9-0 D Nicholls 7
6 02-3 BESSIE SURTEES 15 T Barron 8-7 Alex Greaves (3) 6
7 40-5 FIORINI 15 C Booth 8-1 L Charnock 5
28 00-1 TIME LORD 23 (D,S) L Holt 7-11 T Williams 8

11-4 La Masaas, 7-2 Time Lord, 4-1 Dream of Tomorrow, 7-1 Stamford Bridge, 9-1 Bessie Surtees, 12-1 Persuasius, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 15 winners from 45 runners, 33.3%; Mrs J Ramsden, 14 from 51, 27.5%; J Jefferson, 6 from 31, 19.4%; C Booth, 11 from 65, 16.9%; M H Easterby, 24 from 150, 16.0%; B Hanbury, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 6 winners from 39 rides, 16.4%; J Carroll, 16 from 112, 14.3%; K Darley, 26 from 183, 14.2%; T Williams, 4 from 29, 13.8%; K Fallon, 12 from 94, 12.8%; Dean McKeown, 17 from 136, 12.5%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 *(7f)* 1, PASTORALE (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav); 2, Katy Ann Bee (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3, Wassaita (B Raymond, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sheroog, 6 Brilliant, 13-2 Cream Silk Lady, 12 Alemra, Mata Cara, 20 Titian Red (4th), 25 Crown Angel, Nayaah, Romola Nijinsky (5th), Searching Star, 33 Tender Moment (6th). 14 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 2½l, 2½l, nk. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £3.50, £1.80, £4.50, £6.30. DF: £59.20. CSF: £27.75. 1min 25.90sec.

2.35 (1m) 1, FANMORE (Pat Eddery, 15-8 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Shakeel (W Ryan, 4-1); 3, Gussy Marlowe (M Roberts, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Snifton, 10 Somebody Grand, 12 Big Beat, 14 Jack Lang (6th), Professional, Voodoo Rhythm, 25 Keytest, 33 Kiveson Kabooz (4th), Moonlight Quest (5th), Namaste. 13 ran. NR: Lamb. 2½l, 1l, hd, ¾l, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £2.00, £4.90. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.70. 1min 37.87sec.

3.05 (1m 1f) 1, TERIMON (M Roberts, 7-2 fav); 2, Emperor Fountain (W Newnes, 14-1); 3, Ruby Tiger (T Quinn, 8-1). *ALSO RAN*: 9-2 Noble Patriarch, Stapleford Manor (6th), 5 Duke Of Paducah (4th), 8 Northern Hal, 16 *Landyap* (5th), 20 Eton Lad, Croupier, 200 Breezed Well. 11 ran. Nk, nk, nk, 1l, sh hd. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £7.60, £2.20. DF: £116.80. CSF: £48.14. 1min 49.22sec.

3.35 (7f) 1, MYSTIKO (M Roberts, 11-1); 2, Zigaura (C Asmussen, 15-2); 3, Junk Bond (W R Swinburn, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Flying Brave (4m), 9 Timeless Times, Punch N'Run, 10 Snowy Owl, Andrassy, 11 Anjiz (5th), 14 Ballast, 33 Golden Birch (6th). 11 ran. 3½l, nk, ½l, ½l, 3l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.20; £3.10, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £69.00. CSF: £81.23. Tricast: £351.88. 1min 25.72sec.

4.10 (1m 6f) 1, GAY GLINT (W R Swinburn, 7-2); 2, Beckman Street (B Doyle, 25-1); 3, Parting Moment (J Reid, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav Royal Standard (4th), *7 Take One (5th)*. 5 ran. 3½l, hd, 15l, 15l. N Graham at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £3.40. DF: £34.70. CSF: £42.03. 2min 59.81sec.

4.45 *(5f)* 1, *THAT'LL BE THE DAY* (B Raymond, 11-8 fav); 2, Nellie Dean (Jaki Houston, 6-1); 3, Hay Yuen (A Munro, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Honey Snugfit (6th), 5 Walk That Walk (4th), *12 Daily Sport Girl (5th)*. 6 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 2l, 3½l, 7l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £5.40. CSF: £8.98. 1min 01.72sec.

Jackpot: £25,239.90 (0.8 winning tickets; pool of £13,843.20 carried forward to Newmarket today). Placepot: £238.80.

Cheltenham

Going: firm

2.15 *(2m 4f ch)* 1, *ANTI MATTER* (P Scudamore, 8-5 fav); 2, Complete Optimist (B Dowling, 7-1); 3, Beau Perl (D Murphy, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Black Amber (pu), 33 Coinage (ur), Travistown (pu), 100 The Ludgate Star (pu). 7 ran. 6l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £8.51.

2.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, GALA'S IMAGE (J Shortt, 14-1); 2, John O'Dee (J Kavanagh, 9-1); 3, Vulgan Warrior (M Bowlby, 13-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Buckshee Boy, 8 *The Leggett* (pu), Up And Coming (6th), Tuns Hill (pu), 9 Under Offer (pu), 12 Kilbanon (f), 14 Glass Mountain (4th), 16 Glenside Jerry, Red Columbia (5th), 25 Golden Friend (pu), 33 Josil (pu), Pithy. 15 ran. 1½l, 3l, 4l, 10l, 1½l. J McConnochie at Stratford-on-Avon. Tote: £22.00; £4.80, £3.00, £2.80. DF: £79.30. CSF: £121.90. Tricast: £818.21.

3.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, NORTON'S COIN (G McCourt, 9-4); 2, Waterloo Boy (R Dunwoody, 8-4); 3, Pegwell Bay (J Railton, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 20 Aston Express (4th). 4 ran. Hd, 6l, 25l. S Griffiths at Carmarthen. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.10. CSF: £6.66.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, POETIC GEM (R Guest, 9-2); 2, Monday Club (P Scudamore, 9-2); 3, Lake Teereen (T Grantham, 17-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav King Credo (5th), 6 Among Friends (6th), 11 Square Lamb (f), 12 Duo Drom (4th), 100 Pabrey. 8 ran. NR: Mr Woodcock, Kelly Owen. Hd, 12l, 2½l, bd, 7l. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £10.20. CSF: £23.12. Tricast: £148.43.

4.35 (3m hdle) 1, PACTOLUS (A Mulholland, 13-2); 2, Squire Jim (C Llewellyn, 11-2); 3, Run To Form (B de Haan, 17-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Catch The Cross (4th), 4 Theo's Fella (f), 9 Combermere (5th), Salamander Joe, 50 Mandalay Prince (6th). 8 ran. 8l, 3½l, 2½l, 8l, 8l. S Christian at Kinnersley. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £19.00. CSF: £35.33. Tricast: £226.56.

5.10 (2m hdle) 1, SWEET N' TWENTY (M Foster, 8-5 fav); 2, Shamana (D Bridgwater, 6-1); 3, Shades Of Peace (J Kavanagh, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Grey Rum (4th), 8 For Heaven's Sake (5th), 33 Ronald Ivor, 40 Resignation Day (f), 50 Raven's Affair (pu), Outlast, 66 Baker's Lamb, Eddies Fella, Pegmarine (6th), 100 Coombe, Our Billy Boy. 14 ran. 7l, 7l, 2l, 8l, 1l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £7.00. CSF: £8.18. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £270.90.

Pontefract

Going: good (good to firm-last 6f)

2.45 (5f) 1, Paris House (J Carroll, 2-9 fav); 2, Thornton Gate (6-1); 3, Tender Monarch (20-1). 6 ran. 5l, 3l. J Berry. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £1.40, £3.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.28. Joe From Monaco (7-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to board prices before withdrawal, deduction 10p in pound.

3.15 (1m) 1, Reine De Thebes (R Hills, 3-1 fav); 2, Rupples (14-1); 3, Stradbroke (25-1). 20 ran. NR: Richmond, True To Keep. 2½l, ¾l. M Tompkins. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £4.90, £20.50. DF: £83.20. CSF: £53.70.

3.45 (2m 1f) 1, Taroudant (S Perks, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Bean Boy (16-1); 3, Lafkadio (10-1). Gay Ruffian 9-4 jt-fav. 15 ran. 8l, sh hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £4.40, £4.90. DF: £39.70. CSF: £80.10. Tricast: £673.78.

4.15 (6f) 1, Pleasant Exhibit (R Hills, 14-1); 2, Our Fan (15-2); 3, Duckington (7-2 Fav). 15 ran. ¾l, 1½. J Bethell. Tote: £70.70; £12.90, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £358.00. CSF: £121.54. Tricast: £427.31. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Gai Bulga (G Carter, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Castle Cavalier (9-1); 3, Al Mutahm (9-4 jt-fav). 12 ran. ½l, 3l. G Wragg. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £52.20. CSF: £23.78.

5.15 (5f) 1, Welsh Secret (Dean McKeown, 15-8 fav); 2, Supreme Desire (25-1); 3, Zanna (8-1). 12 ran. 3½l, 3l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £6.50, £3.60. DF: £254.10. CSF: £45.59. Tricast: £339.83.

5.45 (1m 2f) 1, Hidden Cove (S O'Gorman, 5-1); 2, Braggamaid (20-1); 3, Glance Of Gold (8-11 fav). 10 ran. NR: Westcroft. 4l, 2l. I Balding. Tote: £5.50; £1.20, £8.00, £1.20. DF: £184.20. CSF: £85.13.

Placepot: £84.20.

Ayr

Going: good to soft

2.30 (5f) 1, Lucky Jubly (K Darley, 4-5 fav); 2, Donegal Dandy (11-4); 3, Noggings (5-1). 4 ran. 1l, ½l. J Berry. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.99.

3.00 (6f) 1, Amron (N Carlisle, 5-1); 2, Too Eager (2-1 fav); 3, Craft Harbour (16-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Berry. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.30, £3.90. DF: £10.30. CSF: £14.32. Tricast: £132.85.

3.30 (1m) 1, Collins Avenue (M Hills, 8-13 fav); 2, Malibu Magic (3-1); 3, Azureus (14-1). 5 ran. 1l, ½l. B Hills. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.66.

4.00 (1m) 1, Blackwaterfoot (A Cruz, 4-1; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Forge Bay (20-1); 3, Classic Suite (5-2). *Unassuming* 9-4 fav. 11 ran. 2½l, 3½l. R Boss. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £18.30. CSF: £65.68. Tricast: £333.65.

4.30 (1m 3f) 1, Rabsha (D Holland, 11-4); 2, Foxtrot Pie (9-4); 3, Rasawi (Evens fav). 4 ran. 5l, 2l. B Hanbury. Tote: £2.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.48.

5.00 (1m 2f) 1, *Quick Ransom (D Biggs, 10-1)*; 2, Mardessa (4-1 fav); 3, Cheeky Pot (20-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 3½l. M Johnston. Tote: £13.20; £3.40, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £48.50. CSF: £45.02. Tricast: £718.74.

Placepot: £78.30.

Today's point-to-point

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HARRIERS: Cottenham, 5m north-east of Cambridge (first race 4.30).

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NEWMARKET: 5.10 Qualitair Dream. AYR: 3.30 Camden Knight.

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Aimaam.	2.00 Regal Sabre.	3.10 DESERT SUN (nap).
2.35 Storm At Night.	2.35 Storm At Night.	4.10 Anxious Times.
3.10 DESERT SUN (nap).	3.10 Marju.	
3.40 Sacred Number (if abs Golan Heights).	3.40 Western Dynasty.	
4.10 Arturian.	4.10 Golden Cap.	
4.40 Songster.	*4.40 John Rose.*	
5.10 Nicholas.	5.10 Resolute Bay.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Storm At Night. 3.10 **DESERT SUN** (nap). 3.40 Sacred Number.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 **STORM AT NIGHT**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 FEILDEN STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £13,275: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

1 (4) 114- AIMAAM 216 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 82
2 (6) 21- LIVING IMAGE 202 (S) (H Joel) W Jarvis 9-0 J Reid 90
3 (7) 312- AROKAT 216 (G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 Pat Eddery ● 99
4 (3) 021100- DESERT SPLENDOUR 146 (C,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 94
5 (5) 241283- HALF A TICK 180 (F,G) (C Wates) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 91
6 (2) 1- PERPENDICULAR 158 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 S Cauthen 98
7 (1) 3143- REGAL SABRE 175 (C,F) (A Bodge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 B Raymond 96

BETTING: 5-4 Perpendicular, 7-2 Regal Sabre, 4-1 Arokat, 6-1 Half A Tick, 8-1 Living Image, 10-1 Aimaam, 12-1 Desert Splendour.

1990: LORD OF THE FIELD 8-11 G Duffield (9-4 fav) J Toller 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERPENDICULAR made all to win by 2½l from Man From Eldorado at Doncaster 7f, good to soft). Is a Derby entry and can enhance his reputation. LIVING IMAGE won by a hd from Ocean Air at Haydock (1m). REGAL SABRE 3rd beaten 4¼l by Sapieha at Newbury (7f, good). AROKAT 2nd beaten 4l by Bog Trotter at Doncaster (7f, good). Selection: REGAL SABRE

2.35 REMY MARTIN XO COGNAC MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,503: 7f) (12 runners) C4

1 (5) 26- ALFAARES 196 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 78
2 (7) EN ATTENDANT (B Newton) B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond —
3 (1) 0- MASAI MARA 167 (P Brant) L Cumani 9-0 J Fortune —
4 (2) 40-0 MYSTERY CARGO 16 (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) N Callaghan 9-0 A Munro 74
5 (12) PADDY'S MATE (Mrs S Purcell) R Guest 9-0 N Day —
6 (10) 0 PARK AVENUE 17 (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 9-0 G Carter —
7 (3) 2- ROOFING 219 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 80
8 (9) SHALEEL (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 W R Swinburn —
9 (11) 236- STATE FLYER 267 (Mrs P Flowers) G Oldroyd 9-0 B McGiff 75
10 (8) 23- STORM AT NIGHT 222 (J Mabee) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori ● 99
11 (6) 0 STRIMMER 17 (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 J Reid —
12 (4) 05- TIBBY HEAD 170 (Mrs N Farmer) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt 65

BETTING: 15-8 Roofing, 9-4 Storm At Night, 4-1 Alfaares, 6-1 Shaleel, 12-1 Masai Mara, 14-1 State Flyer, 16-1 others.

1990: LORD FLOREY 9-0 L Dettori (13-2) L Cumani 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROOFING 2nd beaten 4l by subsequent group I winner Peter Davies at Leicester (7f, good to firm). STORM AT NIGHT finished well to be 3rd beaten ¾l by Majood at Kempton (6f, good). MASAI MARA 8th beaten 15¾l by Polish King here (1m, good). TIBBY HEAD 5th beaten 7¾l by Eastern Magic at Salisbury (7f, good). ALFAARES no extra inside final furlong when 6th beaten 7½l by Environment Friend over course and distance (good). Selection: ROOFING

3.10 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE CRAVEN STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £23,193: 1m) (8 runners) C4

1 (4) 111- RADWELL 230 (F,G) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 8-12 G Duffield 96
2 (1) 1- DESERT SUN 173 (S) (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cecil 8-9 Pat Eddery 87
3 (8) 61-3 ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 19 (C,G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-9 W R Swinburn 88
4 (5) 1004- HAILSHAM 201 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-9 S Cauthen 77
5 (6) 11- HOKUSAI 280 (C,F,G) (C St George) H Cecil 8-9 L Piggott 95
6 (2) 1- ISLAND UNIVERSE 188 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 L Dettori ● 99
7 (7) 1- MARJU 224 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson 81
8 (3) 4- SALUTING WALTER 167 (P Flavin) M Ryan 8-9 G Carter 73

BETTING: 5-4 Desert Sun, 11-4 Marju, 5-1 Island Universe, 6-1 Hokusai, 10-1 Radwell, 20-1 Hailsham, 25-1 Environment Friend, 50-1 Saluting Walter.

1990: TIROL 8-12 Pat Eddery (9-2) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT SUN was clear with a furlong to run and won by a very easy 6l from Saint Ciel at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). RADWELL pushed out to beat Almaab ½l at Sandown (7f, good). MARJU quickened clear when impressive 6l winner from Road To The Isle at York (7f, good to firm). ISLAND UNIVERSE soon went clear when beating Aryih 7l at Ascot (6f, good). HOKUSAI stayed on in good style to win by 1½l from Jameelaty here (7f, good to firm). ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 3rd beaten 5½l by Corrupt at Kempton (1m, good). Selection: RADWELL

3.40 REMY MARTIN VSOP COGNAC HANDICAP (£7,310: 1m 4f) (7 runners) C4

1 (5) 412/032- BALIGH 159 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-10-0 W Carson 95
2 (2) 12036-0 GOLAN HEIGHTS 17 (F,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-5 L Piggott ● 99
3 (1) 001020- LOCAL DERBY 182 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 4-9-4 S Cauthen 93
4 (4) 31- SACRED NUMBER 334 (F) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 4-9-4 — 81
5 (3) 14065-0 WESTERN DYNASTY 13 (D,F,G) (M Kentish) M Ryan 5-8-3 G Carter 96
6 (7) 320563- POSTAGE STAMP 180 (Losers Owners Group) J Hills 4-7-9 E Johnson 98
7 (6) 313320- TROJAN LANCER 170 (D,F) (A Graham) J Scargill 5-7-7 S Wood (3) 98

Long handicap: Trojan Lancer 7-6.
BETTING: 9-4 Sacred Number, 3-1 Local Derby, 4-1 Golan Heights, 6-1 Baligh, 8-1 Western Dynasty, 10-1 Postage Stamp, 12-1 Trojan Lancer

1990: ROYAL BOROUGH 5-9-1 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SACRED NUMBER stayed on well to win by 1½l from Pashto at Newbury (12f, good to firm). BALIGH kept on under pressure when 5l runner-up to Rakeen at Doncaster (12f, good to soft). LOCAL DERBY runner up to Highflying beaten 3½l at York (1m 6f, good to firm). POSTAGE STAMP 3rd beaten 4¼l by Rio Piedras over course (1m 2f, good). GOLAN HEIGHTS best run last season when 3rd beaten 3¾l by Greenham at York (1m 6f, good to firm). Selection: GOLAN HEIGHTS

4.10 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,155: 6f) (18 runners) C4

1 (18) 4140- TOO CONSPICUOUS 170 (D,F) (F Kalla) A Stewart 9-7 M Roberts 88
2 (4) 133110- BIT OF A LARK 187 (F) (R Mason) R Hollinshead 9-5 S Perks 89
3 (13) 221135- HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 208 (F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 9-4 Pat Eddery 91
4 (17) 425500- LEVEL XING 188 (D,F,G) (S Squires) C Allen 8-12 Mick Denaro (7) 92
5 (7) 021-3 GO EXECUTIVE 37 (D,G) (M Dawes) C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle (5) ● 99
6 (9) 010- GARTH 275 (F) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 8-10 J Reid 81
7 (3) *23422-1 NOBLE FLUTTER 17 (D,G) (Mrs T Davis) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9* Paul Eddery 92
8 (15) 2-1 PRINCE OF THE SEA 14 (D,F) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 8-9 T Quinn 97
9 (16) 54300-0 FALCON'S DOMAIN 14 (F) (R Carstairs) J Eustace 8-8 R Hills 94
10 (14) 322621- ZLOTY 282 (D,F) (J Bray) W Jarvis 8-7 M Tebbutt 80
11 (10) 0422-1 PIMS CLASSIC 81 (D) (Pims International Plc) W Haggas 8-3 M Hills 90
12 (11) 30000-0 CITY SOLACE 17 (F) (D Caruth) R Hannon 8-3 W Carson 96
13 (12) 32484-0 ARTURIAN 19 (B,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 8-2 A Clark 93
14 (1) 1- GOLDEN CAP 220 (F) (Guang Stud Ltd) P Cole 7-11 C Rutter 86
15 (2) 166010- ANXIOUS TIMES 182 (D,F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 7-10 A Mackay 92
16 (5) 601- PRIME MOVER 154 (D) (Mrs D Thompson) M Prescott 7-8 Dale Gibson 85
17 (8) *332-4 PINE GLEN PEPPER 21 (E Cozens) S Dow 7-7* R Fox 89
18 (6) 2-1 ROCKIN' ROSIE 15 (S) (Mrs P Radett) J Scargill 7-7 S Wood (3) 84

BETTING: 5-1 Noble Flutter, 6-1 Pims Classic, City Solace, 8-1 Heaven-Liegh-Grey, Prince Of The Sea, 10-1 Golden Cap, Prime Mover, 12-1 Rockin' Rosie, 14-1 others.

1990: CASE LAW 9-2 G Duffield (9-2 fav) M Prescott 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOBLE FLUTTER drew clear to win by 7l from Rocton North at Warwick (6f). PRINCE OF THE SEA went clear from one out to win by 4l from Oblantalonten at Brighton (6f, good) with FALCON'S DOMAIN (gave 7lb) prominent to halfway 7th beaten 17¼l. GOLDEN CAP quickened to lead inside the final furlong and held on bravely close home to win by a nk from Nagoen at Wolverhampton (5f, firm). ROCKIN' ROSIE finished fast when beating Goodbye Mr Marks hd at Hamilton (5f, soft). PIMS CLASSIC won by 4l from Oak Park at Lingfield (6f, standard). PRIME MOVER missed the break and hampered when beating Oak Park ¾l at Lingfield (6f, standard). Selection: PRINCE OF THE SEA

4.40 EBF STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,386: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (6) BLUE TIGER (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 Pat Eddery —
2 (2) 2 EASTLEIGH 26 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks —
3 (7) ELTON LEDGER (G Fitzgerald) J Berry 9-0 L Piggott —
4 (3) GALLIVANTING (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 W R Swinburn —
5 (10) JEWELLERY QUARTER (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond —
6 (5) 4 JOHN ROSE 28 (H Leetham) P Kelleway 9-0 A Munro —
7 (9) 3 MASTER SHIKARI 24 (Mrs M Tinkler) S Dow 9-0 Paul Eddery —
8 (11) MISTER BANDIT (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 L Dettori —
9 (4) NATIVE CHIEFTAN (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 W Carson —
10 (1) RED KITE (K Mercer) M Bell 9-0 M Hills —
11 (8) SONGSTER (Mrs M Wattermark and Partners) John FitzGerald 9-0 R Hills —

BETTING: 11-4 Elton Ledger, 3-1 Gallivanting, 5-1 Native Chieftan, 6-1 John Rose, 8-1 Eastleigh, 10-1 Master Shikari, 12-1 Red Kite, 14-1 others.

1990: GREY ROOSTER 9-0 B Raymond (6-5 fav) W Jarvis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

EASTLEIGH needed the run when 2nd beaten 2½l by Paris House, winner since, at Doncaster (5f, soft). MASTER SHIKARI stayed on when 3rd beaten 9½l by Vanborough Lad at Folkestone (5f, heavy). JOHN ROSE needed the outing and made useful late headway when 4th beaten 3¼l by Sylvan Sabre at Doncaster (5f, soft). Selection: EASTLEIGH

5.10 BOADICEA HANDICAP (£3,947: 7f) (15 runners)

1 (1) 63152-3 NICHOLAS 2 (D,F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 5-10-0 — 95
2 (3) 04030-0 LOCAL LASS 28 (D,G) (A Norman) C Brittain 4-9-1 M Roberts 92
3 (8) 00400-0 RESOLUTE BAY 5 (F) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-8-11 A Culhane 97
4 (14) *2233-20 LANGTRY LADY 26 (F,S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 5-8-10* N Gwilliams (5) ● 99
5 (10) 6064-00 STYLISH GENT 51 (F) (Exors of N Philips) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-4 W Carson 94
6 (6) 053000- DRY POINT 171 (F,G) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toller 5-8-4 Jaki Houston (7) 93
7 (2) 101400- CHEVEUX MITCHELL 177 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-8-3 J Quinn 93
8 (9) 5230-04 REGENT LAD 6 (D,F,G) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 7-8-1 A Munro 96
9 (11) 442606 SHINING JEWEL 5 (F) (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-8-0 G Carter 94
10 (5) 0030-50 QUALITAIR DREAM 17 (B,C,G,S) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-7-7 A Mackay 94
11 (15) 046060- DONNA ELVIRA 146 (Lady Juliet De Chair) C Wall 5-7-7 N Carlisle 90
12 (12) 213-646 SHARP N' SMOOTH 13 (Mrs E Mitchell) R Hannon 4-7-7 G Bardwell 98
13 (7) 105102 CROSBY 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Belderson) P Kelleway 5-7-7 R Fox 98
14 (13) 314300 ENSHARP 12 (D) (Mrs J Gollings) J Leigh 5-7-7 S Wood (3) 95
15 (4) 0000-00 PROFIT A PRENDRE 17 (D,F,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 7-7-7 B Doyle (5) 84

Long handicap: Crosby 7-5, Ensharp 7-1, Profit A Prendre 6-10.
BETTING: 3-1 *Nicholas*, 4-1 *Langtry Lady*, 9-2 Crosby, 6-1 *Local Lass*, 8-1 *Regent Lad*, 10-1 *Sharp N' Smooth*, 12-1 Profit A Prendre, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

REGENT LAD denied a clear run when 4th beaten 1l by Causley at Beverley (7f, good to firm). NICHOLAS 3rd beaten 1½l by Case Law over course (6f). LOCAL LASS showed best form last season in the Ayr Gold Cup when 3rd beaten 2¾l by Final Shot at Ayr (6f, good to soft). CROSBY 2nd beaten 7l by Just A Step at Warwick 7f, good). LANGTRY LADY penultimate outing was 2nd beaten 1½l by Amenable, the Lincoln winner, at Lingfield (1m, standard). Selection: NICHOLAS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	98	411	23.8	S Cauthen	122	626	19.5
W Hern	37	174	21.3	W Carson	90	620	14.5
L Cumani	65	373	17.4	W Swinburn	69	489	14.1
M Prescott	8	56	14.3	Pat Eddery	83	588	14.1
W Jarvis	19	183	10.4	L Dettori	23	189	12.2
J Dunlop	32	312	10.3	M Hills	45	388	11.6

(Not including yesterday's results)

CHELTENHAM

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	BRIAN BEEL
2.15 Silken Fan.	2.15 Mad Casanova.	4.00 Polar Glen.
2.50 Mou-Dafa.	2.50 The A Train.	
3.25 Runway Romance.	3.25 Runway Romance.	
4.00 Polar Glen.	4.00 Red Timber.	
4.35 Iveagh House.	4.35 Rastannora.	
5.10 Tug Of Gold.	5.10 Secret Rite.	
5.40 Ashfold Copse.	5.40 Ashfold Copse.	
6.10 Edelweiss.	6.10 Copper Mine.	

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 WESTERN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,886: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1 01111P DRIVING FORCE 14F (D,F) (N Gill) M McCourt 5-12-0 G McCourt 88
2 0-31100 CHARLTON YEOMAN 37 (G,S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 6-11-3 D Murphy 96
3 211144 SILKEN FAN 14 (F,G) (Heath-End Racing Syndicate) P Hedger 4-11-3 M Richards 93
4 210512 BATTLE DRUM 17 (G,S) (Lady Eliza Nugent) Lady Eliza Nugent 10-10-8 J Railton 87
5 422151 JANE CRAIG 8 (D,F) (D Hudd) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-8 (6ex) C Llewellyn ● 99
6 31111 TOM CLAPTON 17 (F,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 4-10-5 P Scudamore 93
7 33-4140 MAD CASANOVA 45 (D,BF,S) (M Marchant) O Sherwood 6-10-3 J Osborne 98
8 112600 HOPEFUL ALDA 7 (D,S) (P Moriarty) Mrs A King 6-10-3 S Earle 93
9 53-6456 GENEROUS SCOT 49 (Mrs S Sivlter) A James 7-10-0 — 89
10 542361 ASHFIELD BOY 13 (S) (Mrs J Coyne) Mrs J Retter 7-10-0 S Burrough (5) 97
11 1-61006 ASCOT LAD 15 (F,G) (J Berry) D Nicholson 6-10-0 R Dunwoody 93
12 106822 KILHALLON CASTLE 13 (S) (S Horn) S Horn 8-10-0 D Skyrme 98
13 0021P4 SUREN 17 (D) (M Peters) C Weedon 5-10-0 M Perrett 92
14 0031 MR TAYLOR 15 (D,F) (I Forbes) H Collingridge 6-10-0 V Smith 82
15 533202 WOODSIDE HEATH 7 (M Power) J Moore 4-10-0 — 87
16 4FP001 RAGLAN ROAD 17 (F) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 7-10-0 N Dawe 83
17 P44045 HOLT PLACE 12 (E Smith) N Smith 6-10-0 W Irvine 78
18 2/5-R0R0 QUAYSIDE BOOY 14 (B) (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-0 R Bellamy (3) 84
19 00-U0 DEEP KASH 96 (K Manley) C Roach 6-10-0 A Webb —
20 6000-00 CASTLEACRE 15 (J Soles) C Smith 5-10-0 C Smith 75
21 500302 GREY GYPSY 13 (Mrs R Plummer) Mrs A Hamilton-Fairley 5-10-0 Dale McKeown 72
22 00006 ZALINA 17 (Mrs M Powe) C Jackson 5-10-0 V Slattery (7) —

Long handicap: Ashfield Boy 9-13, Ascot Lad 9-13, Kilhallon Castle 9-12, Suren 9-10, Mr Taylor 9-7, Woodside Heath 9-8, Raglan Road 9-4, Holt Place 9-2, Quayside Boy 8-7, Deep Kash 8-6, Castleacre 8-3, Grey Gypsy 8-0, Zalina 7-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Silken Fan, 9-2 Charlton Yeoman, Tom Clapton, 8-1 Mad Casanova, 10-1 Battle Drum, Ascot Lad, Jane Craig, 12-1 Ashfield Boy, 14-1 Driving Force, 16-1 others.

1990: HEIGHT OF FUN 6-10-5 J Osborne (4-1) O Sherwood 8 ran

2.50 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£5,952: 2m) (6 runners)

1 112-F34 BOUTZDAROFF 40 (D,BF,F,G) (Robinson Publications) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-0 D Byrne 91
2 13U320 HOGMANAY 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Casey) R Casey 9-11-9 H Davies 95
3 211-43F MOU-DAFA 47 (D,F,G,S) (T Brady) M Pipe 11-11-4 P Scudamore 93
4 415264 THE A TRAIN 12 (D,G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3 M Pitman ● 99
5 212354 CERTAIN STYLE 27 (G,S) (P Stamp) O Sherwood 8-10-8 J Osborne 94
6 43223/-P YANGTSE-KIANG 5 (D,F,G) (Miss D Hill) J Bradley 11-10-1 D Tegg —

BETTING: 9-4 Boutzdaroff, 3-1 The A Train, 7-2 Mou-Dafa, 6-1 Hogmanay, 8-1 Certain Style, 25-1 Yangtse-Kiang.

1990: NOHALMDUN 9-11-13 L Wyer (5-4 fav) M H Easterby 3 ran

3.25 PARK FINANCIAL SERVICES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,158: 2m) (12 runners)

1 22421P MARLINGFORD 14 (D,G,S) (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 11-7 D Morris 83
2 122442 RUNWAY ROMANCE 14 (D,F) (J Kendall) P Hobbs 11-7 G McCourt 90
3 010022 RED RING 19 (D,S) (D Crombie) J Webber 11-3 W Marston (7) 77
4 5124 SIR PETER LELY 16 (BF,S) (John Doyle Construction Limited) M Hammond 11-3 P Niven 79
5 113105 HOPSCOTCH 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 11-2 P Scudamore ● 99
6 514021 WEAREAGRANDMOTHER 8 (D,F,S) (P Rich) Granville Richards 11-2 R Beggan 70
7 30 AUCTION DAY 34 (Mrs Brenda Gittins) F Jordan 11-0 J Lodder 64
8 5020 FRENCH IVY 35 (K Flood) Mrs A King 11-0 R Dunwoody 80
9 55F PACIFIC GEM 26 (W Montgomery) S Sherwood 11-0 J Osborne —
10 0314 BARANYKA 79 (S) (N Kavanagh) M Wilkinson 10-12 C Llewellyn 54
11 044603 ALBURY GREY 6 (B) (Albury Racing Limited) R Curtis 10-9 I Shoemark (3) 71
12 0 LITTLE ELLA 78 (C Hitchings) C Hitchings 10-9 R Hyett —

BETTING: 7-4 Hopscotch, 9-4 Runway Romance, 5-1 Marlingford, 10-1 Red Ring, Sir Peter Lely, 14-1 French Ivy, 20-1 Baranyka, 25-1 others.

1990: CHAMPAGNE LAD 11-0 R Rowe (7-1) J Gifford 5 ran

4.00 HOWARD E PERRY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,148: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

1 P2P-4P0 BEACONSIDE 42 (B,F) (J Payne) J Payne 14-12-5 R Payne (7) 85
2 64231-5 POLAR GLEN 35 (C,D,F) (J Cullen) J Cullen 10-12-5 T Mitchell (7) ● 99
3 RP/PP0P- QUEENSWAY BOY 367 (D,F,G,S) (Miss R Knight) Miss R Knight 12-12-5 N Bradley (7) —
4 UPUP ALAN BOY 18 (V) (A Robinson) Alan Robinson 7-12-0 P Morris (7) —
5 FB/18-20 BILBROOK 13 (S) (R Fear) R Fear 9-12-0 H Rowsell (7) 96
6 31P6P0/ BOSTOCK HOUSE 717 (J Cheatle) J Cheatle 9-12-0 Mrs J Payne (7) —
7 0 CERTAIN SPARK 12 (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 11-12-0 P Pritchard (7) —
8 0P-6036 JOLIE GAZELLE 15 (B) (A Clarke) P Davis 9-12-0 L Brown (7) —
9 3- LEADING ARTIST 325 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 16-12-0 G Cosgrave (7) —
10 42/5-003 PEACH LEAF 28 (N Pewter) N Pewter 10-12-0 G Pewter (7) 80
11 0F/U-56U PYLEIGH PRINCE 13 (G) (Mrs C Brittain) Mrs C Brittain 10-12-0 T Bey (7) 70
12 085030- RED TIMBER 338 (F) (R Wilcox) R Wilcox 7-12-0 T Jones (7) 78
13 2-PB415 THAMES TRADER 21 (D,F,S) (D Cornelius) D Cornelius 10-12-0 Miss M Cornelius (7) 74
14 86P-0P0 TRUE HOLLOW 12 (Mrs D Mitchell) Mrs P Pile 9-12-0 J Trice Rolph (7) 67

BETTING: 9-4 Polar Glen, 7-2 Bilbrook, 6-1 Thames Trader, 13-2 Peach Leaf, 8-1 Leading Artist, 10-1 Pyleigh Prince, 14-1 Red Timber, 33-1 others.

1990: JOHN SAM 9-11-7 Miss P Curling (6-4 fav) G Penfold 6 ran

4.35 MINSTER LOVELL HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,845: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 025110 SHERWOOD GUNNER 14 (F,G,S) (G Holden) O Brennan 9-12-0 M Brennan 90
2 P24-424 ABBREVIATION 17 (CD,BF,F,G) (J Hopkins) J Gifford 8-11-8 D Murphy 93
3 22-P055 *SMART PERFORMER 8 (G,S) (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 6-11-5* G McCourt 92
4 211244 LEIGH BOY 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Robson) G Moore 5-11-0 P Niven 89
5 333412 IVEAGH HOUSE 8 (G,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-13 M Pitman ● 99
6 6045-4F NODFORMS DILEMMA 16 (D,F,G,S) (I Baugh) P Bevan 8-10-13 — 91
7 433252 ICARUS 18 (V,D,F,G) (N Ryan) M H Easterby 5-10-5 L Wyer 91
8 3-11445 FRENDLY FELLOW 181 (B,F,G) (C Norton) F Jordan 7-10-5 J Lodder 98
9 012004 OUBLIER L'ENNUI 17 (F) (R Rapp) D Barons 8-10-5 R Greene (5) 91
10 040101 RASTANNORA 18 (D,F,S) (Fairford Wholesale Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 6-10-4 M Foster (5) 90
11 3-45032 UNPAID MEMBER 17 (D,F) (W Fletcher) J Wharton 7-10-0 S J O'Neill 87
12 14-1305 PRINCE'S COURT 107 (F) (Crown Racing Ltd) Mrs F Walwyn 8-10-0 K Mooney 87
13 1/6602F *GAELIC SILVER 44 (D,G) (D Galt) J McConnochie 8-10-0* P Barnard (3) 85
14 13-3006 LUCY LASTIC 22 (F,S) (B Waddington) W Clay 7-10-0 C Llewellyn 71
15 5F0P02 MISTS OF TIME 17 (D,F,G) (J Noden) C Vernon Miller 8-10-0 W Humphreys 89

Long handicap: Unpaid Member 9-12, Prince's Court 9-10, Gaelic Silver 9-5, Lucy Lastic 8-10, Mists Of Time 8-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Iveagh House, 4-1 Rastannora, 5-1 Icarus, 6-1 Sherwood Gunner, 8-1 Leigh Boy, 10-1 Smart Performer, Abbreviation, 12-1 Prince's Court, 16-1 others.

1990: VOYAGE SANS RETOUR 5-11-13 J Lower (11-8 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

5.10 LEDBURY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£5,799: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

1 2441F1 TUG OF GOLD 19 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 8-11-10 R Dunwoody 90
2 125313 PACO'S BOY 41 (B,F,S) (F Roofing Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-8 P Scudamore 95
3 230/3-31 SECRET RITE 30 (G,S) (Miss C Zetter) J Gifford 8-11-5 D Murphy 86
4 P-2001 CORRAVORRIN 19 (F) (Mrs J Hughes) S Christian 6-11-3 R Beggan 90
5 50-5041 ARCTIC BARON 5 (F) (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 5-11-3 (6ex) N Dawe 87
6 R65212 *KAMEO STYLE 17 (BF,F,G,S) (Three Counties Bloodstock) F Jordan 8-10-10* J Lodder 93
7 604232 A LAD INSANE 5 (F) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 10-10-4 A Tory ● 99
8 006/0-P6 L FOREVER 30 (R Fairbairns) Mrs S Richardson 8-10-1 C Llewellyn —

BETTING: 5-2 Tug Of Gold, 3-1 *A Lad Insane*, 7-2 *Arctic Baron*, 5-1 *Secret Rite*, 7-1 *Corravorrin*, 10-1 *Kameo Style*, Paco's Boy, 33-1 L Forever

1990: TOPSHAM BAY 7-11-4 H Davies (9-2) D Barons 8 ran

5.40 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,116: 2m) (21 runners)

1 1 ASHFOLD COPSE 26 (G) (Mrs P Locke) G Harwood 5-11-13 Miss A Harwood (3) —
2 ARDENT ROSARIO (E Whatley) P Bailey 6-11-6 Mr E Bailey (7) —
3 0 BROADWOOD LAD 28 (D Price) R Eckley 5-11-6 M Courtney (7) —
4 0 DOVEDONS GRACE 26 (M Whatley) J Bostock 5-11-6 J Twomey (7) —
5 6 ENTERTAINMENT PARK 16 (R Stone) B Preece 5-11-6 A Juckes (5) —
6 6 FERRY ROAD 12 (B Alexander) M Robinson 5-11-6 Mr K Comerford (7) —
7 00 *FRED FOR FUN 5 (Shane Snelling) R Thompson 5-11-6* J Lodder —
8 IRIDOPHANES (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 5-11-6 A S Smith (5) —
9 SPARTAN MAGIC (Mrs J Laycock) R Voorspuy 6-11-6 Mr J Rees (7) —
10 0 YOUNG PARSON 26 (T Marlow) E Owen jun 5-11-6 D Skyrme —
11 0/ NELLIE LARKINS 780 (T Rossiter) M Wilkinson 6-11-1 Miss P Curling (7) —
12 0- RUN OF GOLD 551 (E Birchall) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-1 T Pinfield (5) —
13 60 HIGHLAND BRAVE 52 (Mrs T Williams) J Colston 4-11-0 Martin Jones (3) —
14 *3 LLACCA SAM 26 (M Eckley) M Eckley 4-11-0* D Bridgwater (5) —
15 0 MARINER'S WALK 34 (R Williams) J Bradley 4-11-0 A Farrant (7) —
16 0 MISTER FLY 12 (A Dickinson) M Dickinson 4-11-0 Adele Jackson (7) —
17 5 RIO AZUL 41 (A Sumner) D Bell 4-11-0 Miss P Curling (7) —
18 0 ROYAL SEGOS 28 (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 4-11-0 S Burrough (5) —
19 CAMINA RUN (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 4-10-9 N Mann —
20 0 FANNY PRICE 16 (S Bull) Mrs A Knight 4-10-9 D Matthews (7) —
21 FOOLING WITH FIRE (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9 R Hodge (7) —

BETTING: Evens Ashfold Copse, 5-1 Iridophanes, 6-1 Llacca Sam, Rio Azul, 12-1 Fooling With Fire, 14-1 Camina Run, 16-1 Ardent Rosario, 20-1 others.

1990: DRIVER 4-10-6 J Brown (33-1) M Brown 22 ran

6.10 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (DIV II: £1,778: 2m) (20 runners)

1 *CHAFOLD COPSE (Mrs P Locke) G Harwood 5-11-6* Miss A Harwood (3) —
2 3 COPPER MINE 26 (BF) (J Dougall) O Sherwood 5-11-6 A S Smith (5) —
3 0 ROYAL PROGRESS 40 (D Clark) S Sherwood 5-11-6 Mr M Armytage —
4 SAND KING (A Albright) J White 5-11-6 T Tynan (7) —
5 SONNY'S SONG (A Clarke) P Davis 5-11-6 Mr R Davis (7) —
6 61 EDELWEISS 8 (F) (Mrs R Priman) M Pipe 4-11-2 M Foster (5) —
7 06 BRONZE AGE 45 (A Reed) P Ransom 6-11-1 —
8 60 HAYLEY'S LASS 40 (Mrs R Bradley) J Bradley 5-11-1 Mr A Farrant (7) —
9 0 METAFAN 28 (Mrs B Bishop) M Francis 6-11-1 Mr J Durkan —
10 0 MOTHERS DAY MAGIC 132 (B Sale) J Dooler 5-11-1 S Richardson (7) —
11 SKY WAVE (G Snell) R Holder 5-11-1 N Mann —
12 ABERGLAS (G Richards) G Richards 4-11-0 Mr T Jackson —
13 0 ABERLORD 12 (R Eckley) R Eckley 4-11-0 M Courtney (7) —
14 *0 ANGLESEY SEAMIST 26 (J Hewitt) E Owen jun 4-11-0* Mr R Hewitt (7) —
15 0 KIKIS 8 (C Kyriakou) J Moore 4-11-0 S Hodgson (5) —
16 PEARLED (J Bostock) J Bostock 4-11-0 J Twomey (7) —
17 0 SPARTAN DREAM 40 (M Thurgood) M Usher 4-11-0 S Harris —
18 0 BOSSBURG 16 (T Bailey) T Bailey 4-10-9 J Lodder —
19 0 IN DEEP WATER 40 (J Aitchison) J Colston 4-10-9 V Slattery (7) —
20 ROSIE ROYALE (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-9 S Burrough (5) —

BETTING: 6-4 Edelweiss, 11-4 Chafold Copse, 3-1 Copper Mine, 4-1 Royal Progress, 8-1 Sky Wave, 12-1 Aberglas, 16-1 Bronze Age, 25-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J McConnochie	3	12	25.0	Mr T Jones	3	11	27.3
N Tinkler	3	12	25.0	N Mann	4	17	23.5
M Pipe	47	228	20.6	M Perrett	11	60	18.3
D Barons	13	68	19.1	P Scudamore	53	297	17.8
N Twiston-Davies	5	28	17.9	S Earle	6	39	15.4
O Sherwood	20	115	17.4	R Dunwoody	44	289	15.2

(Not including yesterday's results)

CRICKET

Umpires need to remain in high state of vigilance

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN

THE fourth Test match between West Indies and Australia, starting here tomorrow, will be umpired by David Archer, aged 59, and Lloyd Barker, aged 47, both Barbadians, and, with nearly 40 Test matches between them, West Indies' two most experienced umpires. They will come under close scrutiny in the next few days, and Australian commentators will know to be careful what they say about them: the whole island rose in indignation when the English dared to criticise Barker in the corresponding Test match a year ago.

No one could deny, though, that in the second and third Tests of this series the umpiring left a good deal to be desired. There was not only a palpable ignorance of the laws, as when Dean Jones was mistakenly given run out by Cumberbatch at Georgetown and a wide was signalled as a dead ball by Archer at Port of Spain, but in other, more obscure ways the game was not adequately controlled.

The playing conditions, for example, state that "batsmen who choose to wear helmets must wear or carry them all the time or have them taken off or on the ground during the normal breaks in play and so avoid time-wasting". Haynes, at Georgetown, and Dujon, at Port of Spain, both kept taking their helmets off when facing spin and walking down the pitch to give them to their partners to carry. Even to face the gentle medium pace of one of the Waughs they asked for them back. Fiercely uncompromising in so many ways, in others the modern player is strangely weedy.

"In all cases no actions regarding helmets are to waste playing time", the playing conditions say. Yet more than once this has been ignored when, in the middle of an over, a West Indian bowler has decided he wants a short leg and play has been held up while a helmet has been sent for. I am not suggesting that West Indian umpires are more indulgent than any others, only that Test cricketers, like schoolboys, are quick to take advantage of a lack of invigilation.

The business of the oversized bat which Keith Arthurton was found to be using on Tuesday also indicates a need for greater vigilance. The Australians believe such bats are made in Pakistan and are being quite widely used, not only there. Hardly surprisingly they think it is time someone in authority looked into it, as, I am sure, would those batmakers who pay famous players to use their products and do not pay them to get away with transferring their glossy logos to someone else's make.

The laws of cricket say: "The bat overall shall not be more than 38 inches/96.5cm in length; the blade of the bat shall be made of wood and shall not exceed 4¼ inches/10.8cm at the widest part." Then comes this note: "The blade of the bat may be covered with material for protection, strengthening or repair. Such material shall not exceed 1/16 inch/1.56mm in thickness". The bats in question do, in fact, have some sort of facing on them, though nothing like enough to account for the ¼in by which Arthurton's exceeded the specified measurements.

Whether it is an advantage to play with a slightly wider bat is another matter. Bobby Simpson, the Australian coach, says he imagines it would be, though he would need to try it. Colin Cowdrey, here on International Cricket Council business and an advocate of lighter rather than heavier bats, wonders how many more nicks he might have got with one. At the ground on Tuesday he told Everton Weekes that England's bowlers always reckoned the bats used by him and his fellow Ws, Frank Worrell and Clyde Walcott, if not illicitly wide were certainly unjustly broad.

☐ Kent are considering taking first-class cricket back to Crystal Palace.

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: First innings 345 for 8 dec (P V Simmons 122, C B Lambert 72, B C Lara 56).

Second innings

C B Lambert b Reid	12
*C A Best c Jones b Alderman	41
P V Simmons lbw b Reid	0
B C Lara b Alderman	36
K L T Arthurton lbw b Alderman	19
J C Adams not out	31
H A G Anthony c and b Alderman	0
†D Williams lbw b Alderman	0
A C Cummins c Jones b Reid	14
E A Moseley c Hughes b P L Taylor	11
I B A Allen lbw M E Waugh	4
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 6)	15
Total	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-16, 3-82, 4-108, 5-118, 6-126, 7-130, 8-156, 9-182.

BOWLING: Reid 10-3-27-3; Hughes 8-0-35-0; Alderman 17-3-40-5; P L Taylor 20-6-43-1; S R Waugh 9-2-29-0; M E Waugh 2.2-0-8-1.

AUSTRALIANS: First innings 207 (M A Taylor 92).

Umpires: D Holder and S Lewis.

A county short on spinners

By PETER BALL

LANCASHIRE begin the season with a newly-appointed chief executive but with doubts about their spin attack exacerbated by the news that Michael Atherton will be virtually unable to bowl for the first two months of the season.

Spin has been the one area where Lancashire, who dominated the one-day competitions last year, have fallen a bit short in recent years, and the loss of Atherton's leg-breaks has deprived them of an important weapon in county matches, whatever the player's ineffectiveness in limited opportunities in Tests.

Atherton suffered with back problems during the winter tour, and although it has not affected his batting, as last week's century at Cambridge suggested, he has been advised not to bowl for the first two months of the season.

With the pursuit of the championship, last won outright in 1934, something of an obsession at Old Trafford, that leaves Lancashire with a problem as David Hughes, the captain, admitted.

"Spin is probably our weakest department," Hughes said, "if only by comparison with our other departments. We bat all the way down, and we probably have the best pace attack in the country.

"There are very few quality spinners coming into the game. Spin bowlers get treated almost with disdain these days. You notice how they are treated when the batsman come out of the seamers' net and go into the spinners', but I don't believe we can win the championship until we can field a balanced attack.

"It's a long learning process for a spinner, but we have two promising young spinners in Dexter Fitton and Gary Yates, and I intend to bowl a lot more than I have done."

Yesterday, Yates took nought for 52 and Hughes nought for 51 in a practice match against Chester.

The new chief executive, who takes charge of Lancashire's thriving business, which had a turnover of almost £4 million last year, is John Bower, a director of Holts International, a car accessory company in the North West.

Bower, aged 45, who did a law degree at London University and a short service commission in the Parachute Regiment, grew up in Alderley Edge, where he played cricket and hockey. He was chosen from 186 applications, "all of them genuine, to my surprise," Derek Peaker, the treasurer, reported.

A stodgy Oxford numb with cold

By IVO TENNANT

THE PARKS (first day of three; Oxford University won toss): Oxford University have scored 186-6 against Glamorgan

THE weather was about as cold as it can be during the cricket season, so cold that the start of play was almost suspended. The umpires went so far as to contact the Test and County Cricket Board for guidance before deciding to start on time.

The laws of the game stipulate that the umpires should be the sole arbiters of whether or not conditions are fit for play. There was snow in Oxford in April five years ago, which made their decision easier but no instance here in recent years of players being too numbed to start or continue.

"You just have to enjoy it and endure it, but not necessarily in that order," John Hampshire, who was officiating with Ray Tolchard, said. They did exactly that, coming off only for rain and bad light. There were four breaks for drinks, tea the only beverage.

In such conditions, Glamorgan's battery of medium pacers could have been excused for bowling well within themselves. Yet Foster was lively enough to suggest his summer's trial will turn into something more permanent, and Frost and Bastien found some life in the even-paced pitch. Each took a wicket or more.

Until Turner and Sandiford came together, Oxford's batting was stodgy in the extreme. Montgomerie, a run-maker the previous day, was out for a duck. Gupte went to one of three catches at the wicket by Metson, this being the pick; Morris and Lovell had a job to force the ball off the square.

The South Africans, Turner and Pfaff, needed to put bat to ball and did so to some effect. Pfaff took 14 off one over from Foster before falling to Smith, who was doubtless on for reasons of practice rather than tactics. Tea breaks and stoppages came and went, and Oxford were 86 for six, with little batting of note to come.

Turner's batting was notable for his driving off the back foot, which, when he beat the off-side ring, must have accounted for nearly half of his runs. Few came off Croft, who began with five maidens and who may be performing at the highest level before the summer is out.

Sandiford, one of seven freshmen in this side, gave Turner useful support and emphasised that, as last year, Oxford's strength is in their batting. In the last over of the day these two made their partnership one of three figures, spanning 2hr 20min and countless cups of tea.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings

R E Morris c Maynard b Bastien	30
R Montgomerie lbw b Dennis	0
C Gupte c Metson b Bastien	1
G Lovell lbw b Foster	17
*G J Turner not out	74
D Pfaff c Metson b Smith	16
S Warley c Metson b Frost	3
†D Sandiford not out	28
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 13)	17
Total (6 wkts)	186

H R Davies, R MacDonald and B Wood to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-18, 3-51, 4-58, 5-83, 6-86.

GLAMORGAN: *A R Butcher, P A Cottey, G G Holmes, M P Maynard, S J Dennis, I Smith, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S Bastien, D Foster, M Frost.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R C Tolchard.

Cambridge's captain suffers broken thumb

FENNER'S: Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 296 runs ahead of Cambridge University

CAMBRIDGE University had to struggle all day for runs against an eight-man Northamptonshire attack yesterday and suffered a severe blow when they lost their captain, Rob Turner, with a broken thumb, which is expected to keep him out of the game for up to six weeks.

Turner, who was also due to captain Combined Universities in the Benson and Hedges Cup, was struck on the hand by a rising ball from Greg Thomas.

The highlight of the innings was a two-and-a-half-hour half-century by Mark Lowrey. Crawley made 39 and Cambridge edged to a creditable 174 between the wintry showers. Northamptonshire did not enforce the follow-on.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 404 for 5 dec (R G Williams 101 not out, D J Capel 100, A Fordham 81, K M Curran 79 not out).

Second innings

†D Ripley not out	38
N A Felton not out	28
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	68

A Fordham, *R J Bailey, D J Capel, K M Curran, R G Williams, A L Penberthy, J G Thomas, J P Taylor and N G B Cook to bat.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings

G W Jones c Ripley b Taylor	5
R I Clitheroe b Cook	8
R H J Jenkins c Cook b Thomas	20
R M Pearson b Taylor	0
J P Crawley c Ripley b Taylor	39
*R J Turner retired hurt	0
M J Lowrey b Penberthy	51
M J Morris lbw b Cook	0
J P Arscott c Ripley b Thomas	12
S W Johnson b Penberthy	20
R B Waller not out	4
Extras (b 7, lb 7, nb 1)	15
Total	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-23, 3-23, 4-54, 5-88, 108-6, 7-129, 8-169, 9-174.

BOWLING: Taylor 18-3-56-3; Thomas 15-5-21-2; Cook 15-8-25-2; Williams 4-2-3-0; Penberthy 10.4-3-24-2; Capel 4-1-5-0; Curran 10-5-18-0; Bailey 4-0-10-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

☐ The Leicestershire fast bowler, Gordon Parsons, has ruptured a biceps in pre-season practice and could miss the first three weeks of the season.

Meanwhile, the chief executive, Mike Turner, is adamant that the Western Australian bowler, Alan Mullally, is eligible to play for the county because he was born in England of English parents.

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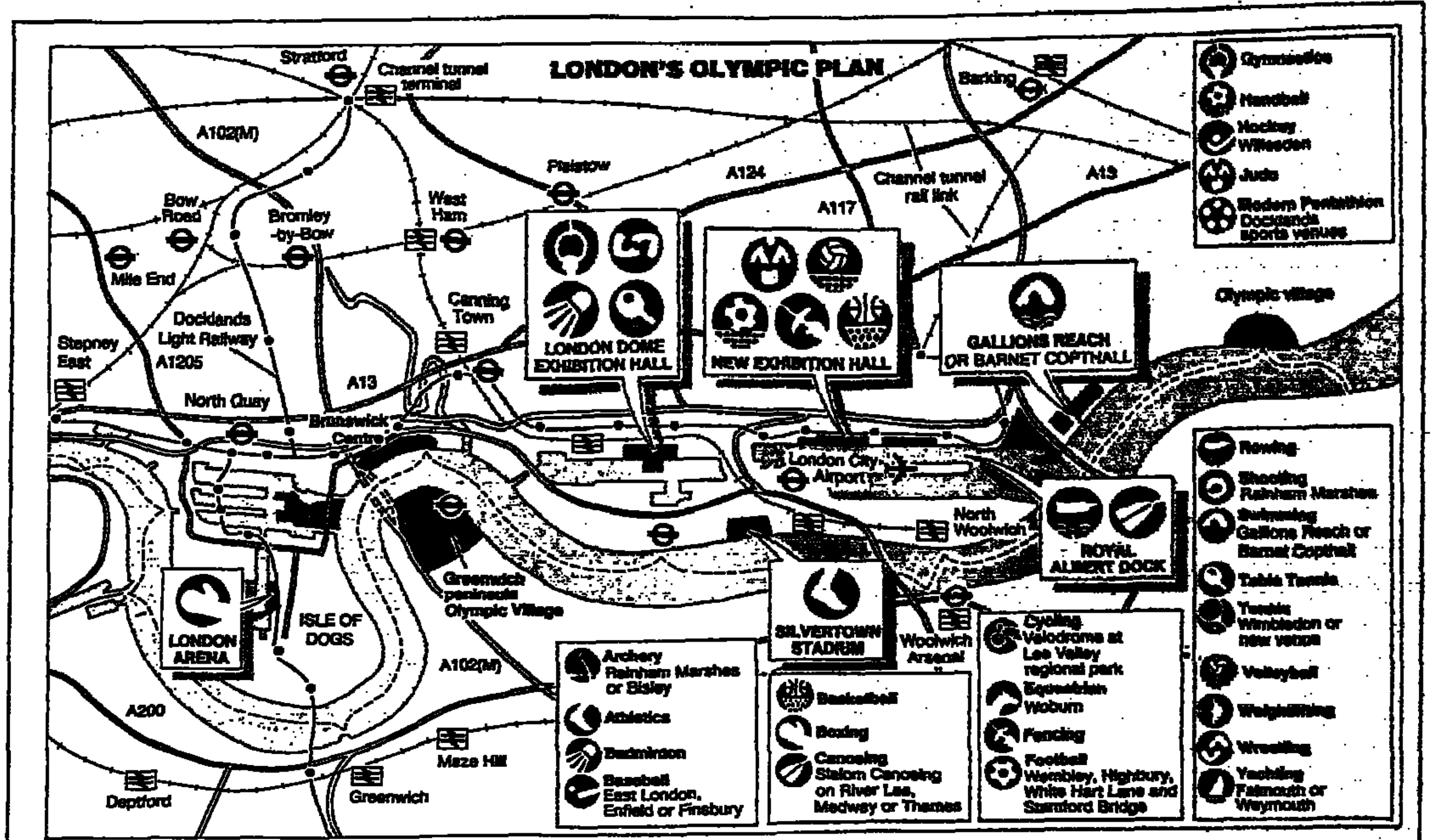


Time is right for London Games bid

By JOHN GOODBODY

LONDON's bid to stage the 2000 Olympics rests on the belief that, if Britain is to stage the Games again, most members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) want them to be held in the capital. London's timing, too, is right because there is a commitment in the Docklands to all the necessary infrastructure, even though the development of the area has yet to be settled.

Richard Sumray, a board member of London Olympic 2000, said: "This is the real opportunity. It would not be beyond us to bid for 2004 or even 2008, but possible development changes would make it far more difficult."

London's task is to convince the members of the British Olympic Association (BOA) next Wednesday that they should nominate London rather than Manchester to go before the IOC vote in 1993.

After the unsuccessful bids by Birmingham for the 1992 Games and Manchester for 1996, there are members of the BOA reluctant to nominate London or Manchester because they fear another heavy defeat. In 1986, Birmingham got eight votes in the second round; last year, Manchester secured five at the same stage after getting 11 in the first round.

London will press its case with the BOA that it should seize the opportunity to try to stage the 2000 Olympics, and the Games would fit in neatly with several time-scales.

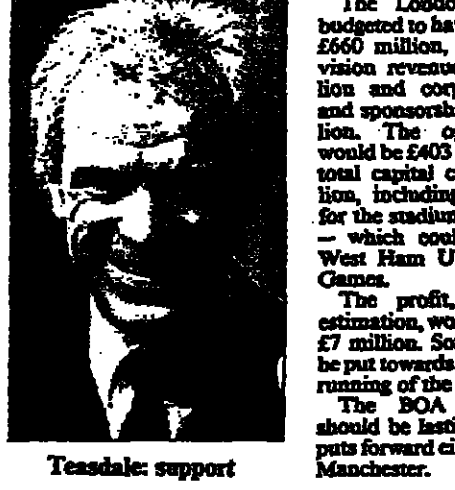
A third bore to the Blackwall Tunnel will have been completed, easing access to the main venues from the Olympic village planned for the north Greenwich peninsula, so will the extension to the Jubilee Line, which will go close to the proposed sites for many sports and could even have a spur to the main stadium.

There is the proposed east London road crossing of the Thames and the extension to the M11, which will run adjacent to the main Olympic area. The focus of the events in Docklands would certainly tie in with government policy of regeneration of the area.

London argues that, if a further four years were allowed to pass before Britain secured the 2004 Games, many of the sites now earmarked for Olympic venues might have been used for alternative developments. The chance could have gone.

The problem of staging an Olympic Games is not so much the building of the venues but the need for infrastructure and, particularly, an Olympic village capable of holding 16,000 competitors and officials, a press village for 10,000 and an Olympic family village for about 5,000 — all within easy reach of the main arenas.

That is why the Wembley complex which was extensively used for the athletics, football and swimming at the 1948 Olympic Games — the last staged by Britain — would hold only the opening and closing ceremonies, and possibly football, but probably little else in 2000. No suitable site for an Olympic village could be found in northwest London.



Teasdale: support

Instead, basing the Games in Docklands, where 15 of the 25 sports would be staged, would give impetus to the building of exhibition halls and the development of new facilities — all of enormous benefit to London recreation throughout the 21st century. As Sumray stresses, there are plenty of back-up sites if things were to go wrong.

The London Games are budgeted to have an income of £660 million, including television revenue of £350 million and corporate support and sponsorship of £200 million. The operating costs would be £403 million and the total capital costs £250 million, including £100 million for the stadium at Silvertown — which could be used by West Ham United after the Games.

The profit, in the first estimation, would be a modest £7 million. Some of it would be put towards the upkeep and running of the new facilities.

The BOA insists there should be lasting benefit if it puts forward either London or Manchester.

It will demand that three new facilities are built for Olympic sports before the IOC meets in 1993. A contract with the BOA will have to be signed by the successful city that it will undertake such work before the nomination goes forward.

However, unlike Manchester, London has had to rush its preparation for the bid, partly because of the dispute between the two rival groups, which was healed only after the BOA's deadline had been extended. Members of London Olympic 2000 emphasise they are now united and determined to win the nomination.

David Teasdale, another member of the Olympic 2000 board, says the BOA is likely to look differently at the bids this time. "They may ask themselves what has changed in the Manchester bid, given the fact that it only got five votes last time," he said. "The stakes have gone up. More capital cities are also in the race, including Peking and Berlin.

"The question the members will ask themselves is whether they should make a bid and, if so, which city is likely to do best against the known competition. We feel only London has a chance out there."

GOLF

Slow play brings a penalty

By PATRICIA DAVIES

COMPETITORS in the eleventh Peter McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath, Solihull, yesterday looked as though they were geared for the slopes rather than the fairways.

The bitter cold and testing wind muffled scoring abilities to the extent that in the morning the intricate calculations involved in deciding the CSS (competition standard scratch) came up with the answer n/c, non-counting.

The scores, high though they were, did count however, with Simon Crick, of Somerset, and Richard Hussey, of Essex, sharing the lead with a 36-hole total of 148, six over par.

Hussey was fifth here last year and would have been well ahead if he had mastered the finish. In the first round, he dropped four shots in the last three holes and in the afternoon came home in 39, three over par.

Crick, a quiet 17-year-old from the Mendip club, playing in his first national championship, did not know how he was likely to fare over the final two rounds today since he has never played in a 72-hole event before. He characterised his golf as steady rather than spectacular. "I didn't make many bogeys and kept out of the fairway bunkers," he said.

Despite the cold, progress in two-balls was rather too slow for the liking of officialdom and, it has to be said, for a lot of the players. One laggard fell foul of a tri-presidential caucus summoned by the chief referee. They decreed a two-shot penalty and no one argues with the president of the English Golf Union, the president of Warwickshire and the president of Copt Heath, certainly not all at once.

LEADING SCORES: 148: S Crick (Mendip), 75, 73; R Hussey (West Essex), 73, 75. 149: A Roberts (Broome Park), 76, 73. 150: S Drummond (Shifnal), 77, 73. 151: S Cage (Sand Moor), 77, 74. 152: P Dwyer (Clitheroe), 74, 78. 153: P Easto (Sundridge Park), 78, 75, M Foster (Worksop), 75, 78. 154: D Bradley (St Mellion), 79, 75; N Mitchell (Penrith), 77, 77; M Ellis (Wrexham), 75, 79; J Rogers (West Byfleet), 79, 75. 155: G Davidson (Langholm), 79, 76. 156: R Antrobus (Windwhistle), 78, 78; J Hall (Hillingdon), 79, 76.

Norman joins withdrawals

HILTON Head Island, South Carolina (AP) — The Heritage Classic may this week become as famous for who will not be playing as who will. Greg Norman and Curtis Strange have both dropped out, joining Mike Reid. Nick Faldo is another not lining up in the tournament, beginning tomorrow, while Payne Stewart is doubtful.

Big three quick to resume the battle for supremacy

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TIME was when the week following the Masters was a let-down. That, however, is most certainly not the case with Ian Woosnam, José-Maria Olazábal and Nick Faldo, the leading three golfers in the world, competing in the Benson and Hedges International, which starts at St Mellion today.

Woosnam will have a special reason to cherish his first competitive shot as the Master golfer. Both Sandy Lyle and Faldo, his predecessors, moved only 200 miles down the road from Augusta to tee-up next at Hilton Head Island. Woosnam is back on home soil.

America's loss is Britain's gain. Woosnam, however, will need to control his emotions, for he is certain to be feted every step of the way and the next four days will be a great test of his powers of concentration.

It will be a truly extraordinary effort if he manages to further improve his astonishing strike rate this year of three wins from five tournaments.

Olazábal, runner-up to Woosnam at Augusta and second to him in the Sony rankings, is the defending champion. He won 12 months ago by one shot. Woosnam was second.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	420	4	10	448	4
2	543	5	11	202	3
3	373	4	12	545	5
4	185	3	13	404	4
5	354	4	14	174	3
6	430	4	15	442	4
7	502	5	16	554	5
8	140	3	17	456	4
9	410	4	18	472	4
Out	3,357	36	In	3,697	36
Total yardage: 7,054				Par: 72	

Woosnam has won eight tournaments in the last 13 months and Olazábal six. But it is Faldo who has the record which his rivals should envy.

He will surely be galvanised this week by Woosnam's win at Augusta. He said before the Masters that he was pleased that Woosnam was pushing him. He regarded it as good, healthy competition that created a special atmosphere.

Faldo, however, is aware of a fault in his game which he needs to quickly erase. He made a commendable defence at Augusta, but he failed to find his form around the greens. Throughout the tournament, he struggled with his pitching and in the final round he missed several good opportunities with the putter. "I haven't hit on the magic touch," he said.

Even so, Faldo is playing as well as ever from tee to green, although he is gracious enough to acknowledge that Woosnam is at present the best golfer in the world. Faldo has shown in the past that he thrives on a challenge.

He will aim now to become the first British golfer since Tony Jacklin to win the US Open. Woosnam, of course, will have something to say about that.

Today, the Welshman is playing with Sam Torrance and Peter Senior. "I don't quite know how I am going to cope," he said. "Both their putters are taller than me."

The quality of the field at St Mellion is further strengthened by Bernhard Langer, Ronan Rafferty, Mark McNulty and Rodger Davis.

Steve Richardson, with two wins already this season, is top of the Volvo Order of Merit with £139,039. Olazábal (£93,917) and Michael McLean (£73,159) are the only two players capable of dislodging him this weekend by winning the first prize of £66,660.

☐ Vivien Saunders, a former British women's open champion, is to present a trophy to the woman professional with the lowest stroke average on the WPG European Tour.

Father and son of a mix up

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE Father and Son tournament at West Hill yesterday threw up one of those conversation pieces which are the very heart and soul of club golf. One second-round match was so long on the course that a search party was almost on call when the four players trudged in declaring that one pair may have won at the 21st or, then again, the other may have won at the 24th.

This arose from Ian Nalder (Huntercombe) playing his third out of turn at the third extra hole, his mind in a whirl. His Wentworth opponents, Erik and Douglas Bond, had found his son's apparently lost ball in the wood and had unexpectedly thrown him a lifeline when the match seemed lost.

Without thinking too much about protocol and procedure, Nalder chipped onto the fairway, only to discover when he disentangled himself that the Bonds had not yet played their second shot. He promptly declared his mistake and, after consulting his opponent, played the shot again. Uncertain whether or not a penalty was involved, they played three more holes before Tom Nalder's huge 300-yard tee-shot downhill set up a winning five, net four, at the first stroke hole, the sixth.

The dilemma was cordially resolved in the Nalders' favour, of course, by the club secretary. Alas, the Nalders seemed drained by their efforts. Receiving three shots on handicap, they were beaten 5 and 4 in the fourth round by Peter and David Story, of Mullion and Liphook respectively.

RESULTS FROM WEST HILL

SECOND ROUND: D M and W K Laing (Dyke) bt J Q and A J Greenleaf (Burhill), 3 and 2; I F M Hine (St Enodoc) and R H Hine (Bristol and Clifton) bt R W and A J Glover (Burhill), 3 and 2; B G and M C Sharp (Bramley) bt R W and I R Attoe (Worplesdon), 4 and 2; N and P E Chesworth (West Hill) bt M and D Silver (Hartsbourne), 1 hole; B M and P R Jaines (John o' Gaunt) bt P G Cornish (East Hill) and M P R Cornish (Berkshire), 4 and 2; H M G and M H Pryor (West Hill) bt R J and J H Rutherford (Northumberland), 3 and 2; D I and T D Nalder (Huntercombe) bt E D Bond (Parkstone) and D C Bond (Wentworth), at 24th; P E Story (Mullion) and D P Story (Liphook) bt P G and S Smith (Surbiton), 4 and 3.

R J and C N R Coombes (Walton Heath) bt P J R Bathhurst (Hankley Common) and R M Bathhurst (Roehampton), 1 hole; H A Evans (Dulwich) and R J Evans (Sydenham Hill) bt W T and S R Warrin (Pinner Hill), 3 and 2; J and M J Connelly (Woking) bt P A and S J Tedrake (Worplesdon), 4 and 3; G B and A P Toodevin (Pinner Hill) bt K S and M J Maclean (Tandridge), 6 and 5; M S and G M Shoesmith (West Hill) bt J D and P Nash (Betchworth Park), 4 and 3; D H and A D Greenhalgh (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt D I and D J Stirk (Royal North Devon), 5 and 4; D C and M A Burridge (Ealing) bt J J and A M S Chesser (Walton Heath), 2 and 1; C J Freestone (Woburn) and P A Freeston (The Leicestershire) bt O and R E C Logan (Hankley Common), at 19th.

D J and D R Bader (Holme Hall) bt T and J S Brown (Stoneham), 5 and 4; M M Lawson (Stoneham) and P M Lawson (Hockley) bt A J and G P Shivington (Tandridge), 2 holes; M and R M Taggart (Wilderness) bt D E Anderson (Redhill and Reigate) and P D Anderson (Betchworth Park), 1 hole; B H and J Smart (Guildford) bt S D and C C Bowyer (Moortown), 2 and 1; T F Daniels (Monmouthshire) and M P Daniels (North Hants) bt H A and T P Mote (West Sussex), 2 and 1; J J and J M Green (RAC) bt W E and J McCrae (Walton Heath), 6 and 4; H-C R P Borgnis (Berkshire) and M Borgnis (Ashridge) bt R F M and P J M Hope (Chiberta, Fr), 1 hole; D W and P C Sykes (East Devon) bt R C W and N Stokes (Burnham Beeches), 2 and 1; J Niven (Newbury and Crookham) and D H Niven (Royal Cinque Ports) bt V Davis (Wyke Green) and M V Davis (Sudbury), 3 and 2.

J A and R Piggott (West Middlesex) bt B White (Hadley Wood) and I A D White (Chiangsmai, Thai), 5 and 4; D F R and A M S Lord (Northamptonshire County) bt J J and G J Martin (Piltdown), 2 holes; G A and G A C Hovil (West Sussex) bt D Horne (Edgbaston) and A Horne (Bearsted), 8 and 7; R C and S C Stovold (West Surrey) bt W Pearce (Royal North Devon) and C Pearce (West Hill), 2 and 1; T E D and T H Harker (Sunningdale) bt W A and G W Longworth (Wilmslow), 4 and 3; R A Wood (Wilderness) and D A Wood (Nevill) bt L Aubrey-Fletcher (NZ) and M Aubrey-Fletcher (Sunningdale), 4 and 2; P J R and E P R Webb (Walton Heath) bt J G and R J Stevens (Royal Worlington), 3 and 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

Martin is ousted by Meads

By COLIN McQUILLAN

ALTHOUGH Paul Gregory, the surprise winner of the national championship last January, was beaten 9-2, 9-2, 7-9, 9-5 by the former world champion, Ross Norman, of New Zealand, home disappointment was soon assuaged by a flood of domestic success in the Hi-Tec British open championship at Lambs Club, London, yesterday.

Seven English women progressed to the last 16 while Stephen Meads, who is 21 tomorrow, gave himself the best birthday present a young English player could desire by beating Brett Martin, the sixth seed, from Australia, 10-8, 9-3, 0-9, 5-9, 9-5 in 89 minutes to earn himself a last-16 match with Del Harris on the Perspex court at Wembley.

Harris, the British No. 1, who is seeded twelfth, yesterday survived a sluggish start against Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan, the younger brother of England's Hiddy Jahan, who is back in business with a full leg brace supporting an injured right knee which has kept him out of the game for two seasons.

Harris won 8-10, 10-8, 9-0, 9-3, giving a mature and measured display. At the age of 21, Harris is beginning to offer the sort of power and determination that was long promised by a successful junior career.

Similar maturity was brought to bear by Tony Hands, another 21-year-old who shares a junior background in Essex with Harris but has emerged only this season as a serious senior contender. He was a surprise semi-finalist in the national championships and yesterday he eased out the seventh-seed, Tristan Nancarrow, of Australia, 9-1, 9-6, 9-1, to earn a tilt at Rodney Eyles, another Australian, at Wembley.

"I prepared specifically for the British nationals and I did it again for this tournament," Hands said, after joining a list of five or six qualifiers to have dealt severely with Nancarrow in recent months.

Meads, the reigning British under-21 champion, prepared for this British Open by playing more often on the world circuit. "Lots of qualifiers had hard, hard first-rounds against the top players," he explained.

He is known among the Australians as "bulldog" and Martin will recognise the strength of his bite after yesterday.

"I thought I was done for when Brett upped the pace and took the third in a single hand," Meads admitted. "But he let me back into the fifth with a couple of mistakes at 4-4 and I knew I had to hold on hard."

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FOOTBALL

Derby on the way down if beaten at Manchester City

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE fate of Derby County will be decided if Manchester City beat them at Maine Road on Saturday — they will be relegated to the second division. Victory would emulate the achievement of City's neighbours, Manchester United, who defeated Derby 3-1 at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

The win enabled United, who face Sheffield Wednesday in the Rumbelows Cup final on Sunday, to move into fourth place in the first division. Goals from Blackmore, *McClair and Robson* helped United extend their unbeaten run to nine matches and, minor knocks to Webb and Pallister apart, they emerged unscathed.

Sealey, United's first-choice goalkeeper, was rested and his place went to Bosnich, an Australian who is hoping to carve out a career at Old Trafford after finishing his studies. Although conceding a first-half goal from Williams, Bosnich was insufficiently tested for anyone to properly assess his performance.

Oldham Athletic returned to the head of the second division thanks to a 1-1 draw at Charlton Athletic, but, such was the tension, Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, jumped from his touchline seat during the second half and poured a bucket of water over a photographer, who later filed an official complaint with police. Royle's temper was probably sparked by not only the loss of Ritchie, his leading scorer, with a hamstring injury in the first half, but the dismissal of Warhurst immediately after the interval for a professional foul on Minto.

By then, the score was level — Mortimer having given Charlton the lead only for Adams to equalise. Worse news followed yesterday when Ritchie was ruled out for the rest of the season.

Millwall, who are in fourth place, did well to return from Hull City with a point after losing Branagan, their goalkeeper, through injury in the opening minutes. Payton put Hull ahead but Kerr replied to force the draw, which dented the hosts' hopes of avoiding relegation.

Wolverhampton Wanderers virtually negated any ideas of participation in the play-offs after losing 2-1 at home to Glenn Hoddle's **Swindon Town**, who eased their own relegation fears in the proccess.

Bolton Wanderers entrenched themselves in third position in the third division thanks to a 3-1 success at Crewe Alexandra, while, two places below them, **Cambridge United** used another of their games in hand to maximum effect by winning 1-0 at **Bournemouth**, their rivals for promotion.

Jimmy Hill's rejuvenated **Fulham** dented **Brentford's** second division hopes with a *2-1 win at Griffin Park while* **Burnley** boosted their chances of leaving the fourth divison behind with a 2-1 victory at **Aldershot**.

Peterborough United look on course for automatic promotion from the fourth division after beating **Gillingham** 2-0 and **Stockport County's** prospects appear similarly rosy thanks to a 3-1 triumph at **Wrexham**.

However, **Northampton Town** have slipped of late and they received another setback in the shape of a 4-1 home defeat against **Torquay United**.

Fourth-placed **Hartlepool United** were held 1-1 at home by **Doncaster Rovers**.

☐ Roy Aitken, the deposed **Newcastle United** captain, may not turn his back on English football after being told by Osvaldo Ardiles, the new United manager, that he is no longer required at the club.

Aitken said: "I will only go back to Scotland if I am guaranteed either a player-manager's job or a coaching role. I would be content to carry on just as a player if another English club came in for me."

Coventry receive £2 million fillip

COVENTRY City yesterday followed Liverpool and Rangers in landing a maximum £2 million grant towards the requirements of the Taylor Report. *The Football Trust has allocated the cash to meet half* the projected cost of a new East Stand, and roofing for the North Stand at Highfield Road.

Coventry are the main beneficiaries of the latest £7.64 million grant-aid — it takes this year's total to £16 million — which will assist 51 clubs.

Newcastle United are awarded £1.4 million towards North Stand redevelopment and their second division colleagues, Portsmouth, get £1 million for a new all-seater stand. The Scottish first division club, Hamilton Academical, receives £500,000 towards a new £8 million stadium. At the other end of the scale, Bury get £570 for barrier testing.

"The total cost to football of the latest projects, some £22 million, provides *further evidence* of the game's commitment to implementing Taylor," the Trust secretary, Peter Lee, said. "The clubs are making an enormous contribution from their own resources to see the task through."

The 1990 cut on pool betting duty means the Trust has £20 million a year available for important projects in addition to the annual £12 million donated by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their spot-the-ball competitions. Most of the money — there is another £16 million of this year's cash still in the kitty — goes to the professional game, but the Trust also recognises the needs of the game from grass roots level.

☐ *Notts County have told their* 16-goal leading scorer, Kevin Bartlett, to put his feet up for two weeks — and return, Gary Lineker-style, to boost the club's bid to reach the first division.

Lineker bounced back brilliantly from a holiday in Tenerife, and the County manager, Neil Warnock, is hoping a break will have the same effect on Bartlett. "Kevin feels absolutely shattered," Warnock said. "I've told him to have a good rest and come to the ground only when he feels like it. Hopefully, he'll come back refeshed to help us win promotion."

☐ Steve Thompson has been confirmed as manager of Lincoln City and given a two-year contract at the fourth division club. Thompson took over as caretaker-manager following the dismissal of Allan Clarke at the end of November. He has since guided the club to an outside chance of making the play-offs after they were bottom at the beginning of the year.

☐ Derek Statham, Stoke City's former England left back, has been given a free transfer.

☐ Chelsea have given their midfield player, John *Bumstead*, aged 32, a free transfer. Bobby Campbell, the manager, said it was a reward for the player's loyalty.

Cardiff are given more time

Cardiff City were granted a breathing space today when a bid to wind up the club company was adjourned by the Companies Court in London.

At a three-minute hearing, Ian Croxford, counsel for Cardiff City Association Football Club Ltd, told Mr Registrar Buckley that the winding-up petition brought by Cardiff City Council was "hotly disputed".

He said the Inland Revenue, which had been claiming a debt of £123,609, had been satisfied and was no longer supporting the council's petition. The petition is based on an alleged sum of £256,912 said to be owing on a mortgage loan to the club.

Croxford said the bona fides of the council's purpose in presenting the petition were in question. Because of the considerable press interest, the dispute should be heard as soon as possible to end the present uncertainty about the club's future.

The petition was adjourned to be heard by a High Court judge on a date to be fixed, probably sometime next month.

☐ European Community commissioners and Uefa agreed yesterday to allow clubs to use five foreign players, an increase from the present quota of three, from next year. The "gentleman's agreement" with UEFA runs *until the 1996-7 season*, an EC spokesman in Strasbourg said.

The EC wants to lift entirely a limit on foreign players in line with its drive for a borderless Europe, but Uefa insists on a quota system to prevent rich clubs from buying up all the talent. Two of the five foreign players allowed in a team must have been with the club for at *least* five uninterrupted years. UEFA is expected to approve the arrangement in June.

☐ Claudio Caniggia, the Argentine World Cup forward, is expected to complete a £3.5 million move to *Fiorentina*, of the Italian first division, this week.

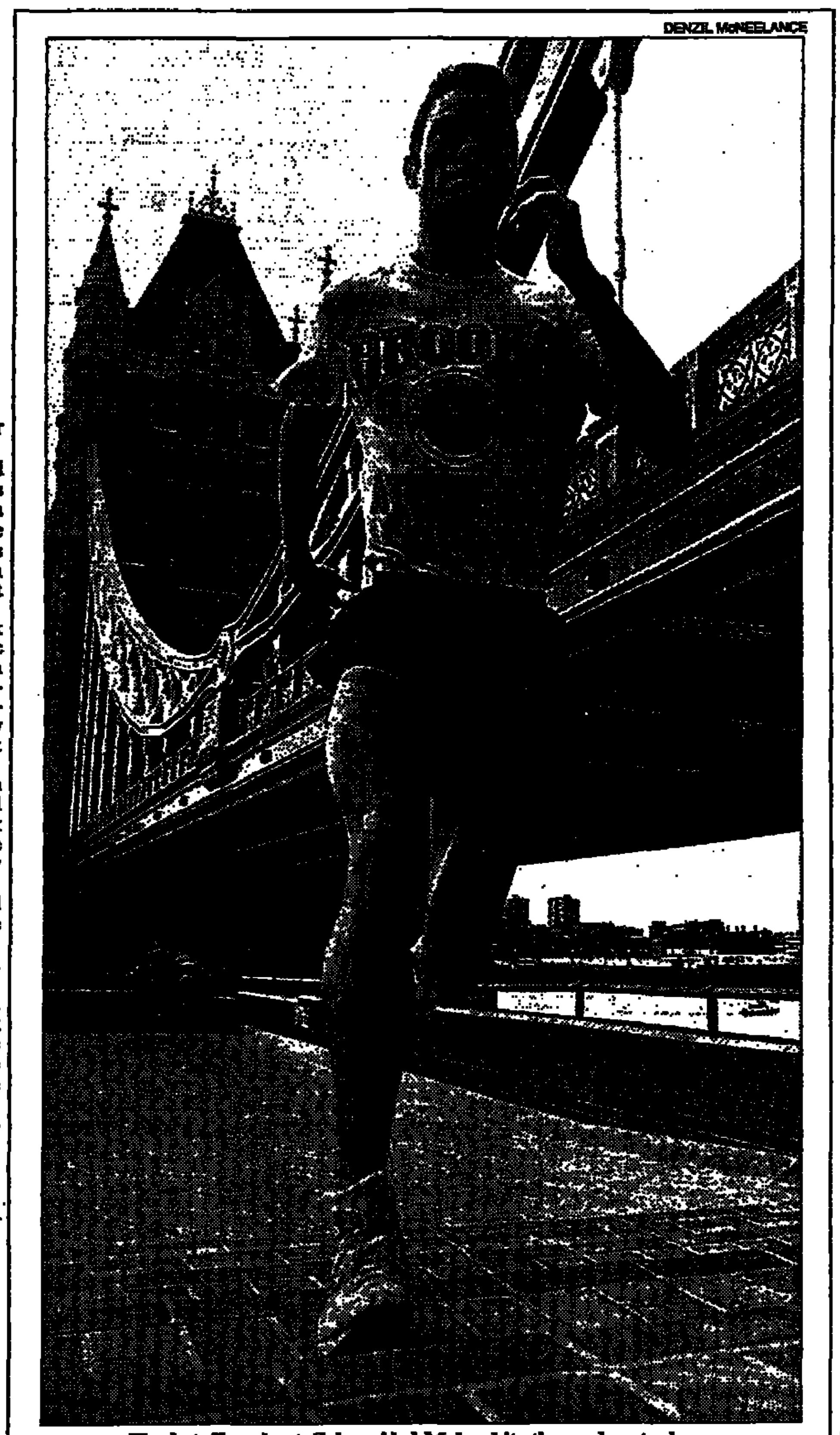
FA summons Butcher

TERRY Butcher, the Coventry City manager, was summoned to London by the Football Association *yesterday to "discuss"* the controversial head-butting incident when he was playing for England in Tunisia before the World Cup finals in Italy last summer.

Butcher was a Rangers player at the time and the Scottish FA originally dealt with the matter.

An English FA official said: "Now he is back in our jurisdiction. It was an opportunity to *discuss* the issue with him. No action was taken and the matter is now closed."

Butcher, meanwhile, was unavailable to comment on reports linking him with the Rangers' job vacated by Graeme Souness. Butcher has three years left on his Coventry contract.


DENZIL McNEELANCE

Hard staff workout: Sober-sided Maher hits the road yesterday

Convert who stumbled drunk into marathons

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Maher used to weigh 18½ stone. He drank 12 pints daily, smoked 400 cigarettes a week and was, and still is, asthmatic. On Sunday, he will be running in the ADT London Marathon. He probably *will not win it, but he* should not be far off.

Maher is now 10st 10lb, sits in no-smoking carriages and is being paid £75,000 by a pharmaceutical firm to be its role model for asthmatic achievement. So far, that includes the Olympic Games, a Goodwill Games medal, sixth in New York and winning nine other marathons.

His first marathon did not go *quite* so well. Cork City was the place, 4hr 23min the time. "I did it for a bet when I was drunk," he said. The race began before Maher had sobered up. "I was in that aggressive frame of mind that alcohol can bring and took a £50 bet that I wouldn't finish. It was 2am before I left the bar."

Now Maher's regular *drinking stations are on the* marathon route and he runs them in half his Cork City time. His best is 2hr 12min 58sec, but he is looking for improvement in London and has been attracted by the strength of the line-up which has been assembled because the World Cup is being held in conjunction.

"The World Cup is bringing together a big field of runners who are committed to running fast," he said. Furthermore, the weather will not be humid and he will not need to run with an anti-asthma inhaler in hand as he did in the Olympic Games.

London gives him more chance of a personal best, which is *his* first target. Another is Jerome Drayton's 16-year-old Canadian record of *2hr 10*min *09*sec. Maher used to be Irish but emigrated to Canada because he saw his future as a professional runner. "There was no way I could live off the sport in Ireland," he said.

Now, aged 31, he lives off sport alone, but once it was beer. "It was dreadfully tough to break that cycle. It was eating *me up every single day*. Getting out of it has been tougher than any training regime I have encountered." And Maher has been on some tough programmes, 200 miles in a week at one point.

The smaller he became, the bigger he grew in the eyes of selectors. In his first marathon after emigrating, a win in Ottawa, Canada wanted him for the world championships in Rome and so did Ireland. "I had the choice of leaves, the shamrock and the maple."

He chose the maple and dangled it in front of the world championship field's noses as he led the race for 16 miles before capitulating. Now he is more experienced and, though he plans to be near the pace on Sunday, he will not force it alone.

"I am going to stay very close to the lead pack, " he said. "I'll be in view". Which, for a man eight stones lighter, is not as easy as it used to be.

Hobo runs into riches

FOR a man who once needed a whip-round to pay *his* Dartford Harriers subs, John Campbell is not doing too badly. He earned £85,000 from running last year and will pick up more for appearing in the ADT London Marathon on Sunday (David Powell writes).

Had Campbell, who is 42, accepted an offer from the Boston Marathon, he might have been up to *£30,000* better off. That would have come mainly from prize-money and bonuses for victory in a world best time in the veterans' division. London does not carry veterans' incentives.

So, if he beats his record of 2hr 11min 04sec, and he said yesterday *that* he might, he will have done it for free. His take-home pay, if he squeezes into the top six, would be a mere £6,000 in prize-money. Or it would be if he had a home to take it to. The hobo professional from New Zealand lives out of kitbags. "I don't have any property in New Zealand," he said.

Five months was all he spent *at Dartford* when running a chip-shop earned him more than running the roads. But that was before he turned 40. "I'm glad masters [veteran] running has taken off," he said. In the United States, if not here.

RUGBY UNION

Bayfield beats his rivals to place for England tour

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN Bayfield, the Bedford lock, ensured that a policeman's lot continues to be a happy one when he was added yesterday to the England party to tour Australia and Fiji this summer. His selection brings to five the members of the constabulary in the party which was brought up to 30 with the addition of Nigel Redman, of Bath.

When the party was announced earlier this month, the selectors left two vacancies at lock behind the established pair of Wade Dooley and Paul Ackford. In so doing they signalled their dissatisfaction with the next tier: Sean O'Leary (Wasps), Simon Dear (Rosslyn Park) and the Orrell pair, Bob Kimmins and David Cusani.

O'Leary, the prime contender but a player committed to the long hours of a doctor, had his last chance in the league match against Orrell last weekend, when he was watched by both Geoff Cooke, the England manager, and John Elliott, the national selector. His relative failure to impress and the decision not to turn Dean Ryan, the Wasps flanker, into a lock, left the way open for Bayfield.

Redman, the first of whose ten caps was in 1984, should have been named in the first place. But his outstanding display for Bath against Rosslyn Park (and Dear) at the weekend confirmed a place and, at 26, he should continue to serve England well even if, at 6ft 4in, he is shorter than several other candidates; his athleticism and ball-handling make up for that.

Redman has played in more B internationals (11) than the others; certainly more than Bayfield, whose emergence can be seen as a justification of the divisional system. At 18st and 6ft 10in, Bayfield's height has always been his most noticeable feature. It has also left him vulnerable to those on a lower plane in the lineout.

However, via Metropolitan Police and Bedford, where confidence has been growing in recent weeks, he has learned to cope and, at 24, has had a quietly impressive season. His first divisional appearance for the Midlands last season left him looking raw, but he fared better against the Emerging Australians for England B in November and in a Midland XV in the divisional championship in December. His second B international, against Italy at Waterloo last month, was also a significant step as other, more fancied, claimants fell by the way.

☐ Finlay Calder, the former Scotland and British Lions captain, will return to international rugby in the World Cup later this year, if required. But there is no question of the flanker, aged 33, playing in next season's five nations' championship. Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, said: "I asked Finlay if he would consider being part of our World Cup preparations and he replied that he would only be involved directly if he knew he could be 100 per cent fit."

☐ Scott Gibbs, the Neath centre, and Neil Jenkins, the Pontypridd stand-off half, are the senior internationals in the Welsh XV for the under-21 match against Scotland at Llanelli on Saturday.

WALES UNDER-21: L Evans (Llanelli); I Jones (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Neath), J Thomas (Neath), A Donovan (Cardiff); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), P John (Cardiff, capt); M Davis (Newport), A Lamerton (Llanelli), R Shaw (Llanelli), D Lloyd (Bridgend), L Mruk (Pontypool), C Langley (Cardiff), P Thomas (Glamorgan Wanderers), S Williams (Swansea).

Hull steadies the Services ship

Combined Services...... 24
British Police.................. 7

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

COMBINED Services, inspired by Paul Hull, the Royal Air Force corporal who plays for Bristol, achieved a now-familiar victory over British Police, scoring four tries to one in the process at Aldershot yesterday. Police, albeit in defeat, cast aside bleak memories of two years ago when they fielded four international forwards, including Ackford and Dooley, and lost 49-9 at Halton.

This time, they were missing several prominent players, notably Dean Richards, Emyr Lewis, Mark Linnett and Simon Dear, but showed considerable resilience, curiously until turning with the wind at their backs.

A six-point lead, through two Hull penalty goals, scarcely seemed enough for Services, but Police struggled to fathom the side-steps of Hull, who created tries shortly after half-time for Deans and Graham.

An almost leisurely pace probably suited Bayfield, the Police lock, and he took several significant catches in the lineout. Heslop, the England wing, scored the Police try after Pugh ran strongly.

Scorers: Combined Services: Tries: Graham (2), Deans, Castleton. Conversion: Hull. Penalty goals: Hull (2). British Police: Try: Heslop. Penalty goal: Hogg.

COMBINED SERVICES: Cpl G Stewart (RAF); SAC S Crosland (RAF), Cpl K Bowling (Army), Lt A Deans (Army), Lt J Fenn (Army); Cpl P Hull (RAF), Sgt S Worrall (RAF); Cpl G Graham (Army), Mid C Cowan (Royal Navy), L Bdr J Powers (Army), Sgt M Reece (Royal Navy, capt), Cpl A Nisbitt (RAF), Cpl R Castleton (Army), L Pti S Jones (Royal Navy), L Pti I Russell (Royal Navy; rep: Cpl K Ferdinand, Army).

BRITISH POLICE: C Huntingdon (Cheshire; rep: A Quinn, Northamptonshire); D Fairclough (South Yorkshire), R Evans (Gwent), H Hogg (Lothian and Borders), N Heslop (Merseyside); I Chandler (West Midlands), T Lee (South Wales, capt); G Wilson (Lothian and Borders), E James (Dyfed), K Sudlow (Lothian and Borders), J Williams (Dyfed), C Brierley (Cheshire), M Bayfield (Bedfordshire), I Davies (Dyfed), G Pugh (Gwent).

Referee: C Harrison (East Midlands).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Three-division plan just wins the vote

THE plan for three divisions to operate next season was finally voted through yesterday, but by the narrowest of margins (Keith Macklin writes). At a special general meeting of clubs, the so-called Hetherington plan, of 14, 8 and 14 clubs respectively in each division, was voted through by the barest majority required, 21-14.

The divisions will be named the Stones Bitter Championship, second division and third division. The championship will be played for by the present first division, including three promoted clubs, while the "pressure cooker" second division will consist of the top eight clubs in the present second division, including the three relegated clubs.

A counter-proposal of three equal divisions of 12 clubs each, put forward by Castleford, received only ten votes.

☐ Wigan will be without nine of their first-team regulars through injury for the first round of the premiership against Featherstone Rovers at Central Park on Sunday. Among the replacements will be the former Fylde and England B rugby union wing, Mark Preston.

☐ St Helens have announced a squad of 18 for the Challenge Cup final on April 27, containing all regular first-team players, except for the injured back-row man, Roy Haggerty.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Doyle eye on Ganeev

MARAT Ganeev, the former amateur cycling world champion, leads a six-man Soviet professional team in the first round of the Scottish Provident League in Leeds on May 1.

Ganeev was involved in the Munich six day race crash two years ago which nearly ended the career of Tony Doyle, also on the Leeds start list.

☐ Tim Gould, the Peugeot professional, launches his 1991 off-road campaign in this weekend's British Mountain Bike Federation national series event at Margam Park, South Wales.

BASKETBALL: The Sacramento Kings' record run of defeats in the NBC was extended to 36 when they lost 111-101 to Utah Jazz.

SQUASH RACKETS: The Duke of Edinburgh will present commemorative medals to England's new world junior champions, Simon Parke, from Yorkshire, and Donna Vardy, from Nottingham, at the British open championships finals at Wembley on Monday.

☐ Melanie Warren-Hawkes has resigned as chairwoman of the Women's International Squash Players' Association to concentrate on business and personal interests.

FENCING: World fourth ranked, Alessandra Anglesio, of Italy, defends her Ipswich international épée title on April 27-28.

BOXING: Raymond Close, Belfast-based, will defend his Irish super-middleweight title against Sean O'Phoenix, of Manchester, in Manchester in May.

☐ Glenn Campbell, the unbeaten Central Area super middleweight champion, defends against Tony Booth, of Sheffield, at Bury on May 17.

SWIMMING: Leading England's synchronised squad in an international novice youth contest at Wuppertal, Germany, on May 3-4 will be Samantha Luckett, aged 14, from Reading.

Team: S Luckett (Reading Royals), P Mercer (Bexley), N Calvey (City of Birmingham), K Smith (Bexley), J Jones (Bexley), L Finch (Bexley), H Swancott (Rushmoor). Reserves: L Bates (Walsall), V Selley (Rushmoor).

SKIING: Julia Snell opened the combined British and Dutch freestyle championships in Tignes yesterday by winning gold in the ballet section. In the men's ballet, Ben Benson led Britain to a clean sweep, winning the gold medal from Ian Wilcox and Steve Corbett.

☐ Matti Nykanen, winner of four Olympic ski jump gold medals, has been left out of Finland's Olympic training squad for the Albertville Games because of poor results.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 1, Charlton 5; Chelsea 3, Crystal Palace 3.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol Rovers 3, Bournemouth 2.

Late results on Tuesday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 3, Derby County 1. Second division: Charlton Athletic 1, Oldham Athletic 1; Hull City 1, Millwall 1; Notts County 1, Watford 0; Portsmouth 1, Brighton 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Swindon Town 2. Third division: Birmingham City 2, Stoke City 1; Bournemouth 0, Cambridge United 1; Brentford 1, Fulham 2; Crewe Alexandra 1, Bolton Wanderers 3; Mansfield Town 3, Leyton Orient 3; Swansea City 3, Preston North End 1; Wigan Athletic 2, Chester City 0. Fourth division: Aldershot 1, Burnley 2; Halifax Town 3, Maidstone United 2; Hartlepool United 1, Doncaster Rovers 1; Northampton Town 1, Torquay United 4; Peterborough United 2, Gillingham 0; Rochdale 2, York City 1; Wrexham 1, Stockport County 3.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2, Telford United 1; Barnet 3, Macclesfield Town 1; Bath City 4, Northwich Victoria 1; Runcorn 0, Yeovil Town 3.

FA TROPHY: Semi-final replay: Kidderminster Harriers 2, Witton Albion 1 (at Stafford; Kidderminster meet Wycombe in final).

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 1, Dundee United 0. First division: Morton 1, Raith Rovers 2; Partick Thistle 2, Clyde 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Netherlands 1, Finland 0 (in Utrecht). Group seven: Poland 2, Turkey 0 (in Lodz).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 1, Crusaders 0.

CAWOODS CO. ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Portadown 1, Glenavon 1 (aet; Glenavon won 4-3 on pens).

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1, Basingstoke 1; Enfield 4, Hendon 0; Hayes 4, Woking 1; Staines 5, Dagenham 1; Wokingham 0, Aylesbury 0. First division: Chesham 3, Aveley 1; Wembley 1, Walton and Hersham 2; Worthing 2, Chalfont St Peter 2. Second division north: Basildon 2, Hornchurch 0; Finchley 1, Rainham 2; Tilbury 0, Saffron Walden 2. Second division south: Egham 3, Epsom and Ewell 0; Hungerford 3, Bracknell 2; Leatherhead 1, Malden Vale 1; Southall 2, Hampton 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 2, Gainsborough 0; Shepshed 0, Frickley 1. League Cup: Final: Buxton 1, Southport 4 (at Maine Road).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1, Dorchester 0; Crawley 1, Wealdstone 0; Dartford 5, Waterlooville 1; Dover 1, Worcester 1; Farnborough 1, Gloucester 1; Gravesend 2, Bashley 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 2, Newcastle 1; Rotherham 4, Aston Villa 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Luton 1, Norwich 2; Tottenham 3, West Ham 0; Watford 2, Arsenal 3; Wimbledon 1, Southampton 2.

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP: Final: West Bromwich Albion 2, Nuneaton 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Salford 0, Colwyn Bay 4; Vauxhall GM 3, Maine Road 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Bayern Munich 1; Karlsruhe 0, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bochum 0, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Wattenscheid 0.

SKIING

TIGNES: Combined British and Dutch freestyle championships: Ballet (GB unless stated): Men: 1, B Benson; 2, I Wilcox; 3, S Corbett. Women: 1, J Snell; 2, V Simpson; 3 G Witte (Neth).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte Hornets 92, Miami Heat 87; Detroit Pistons 118, Boston Celtics 90; Indiana Pacers 132, New Jersey Nets 128; Orlando Magic 113, Atlanta Hawks 108; Washington Bullets 112, Milwaukee Bucks 108; New York Knicks 108, Philadelphia 76ers 99; San Antonio Spurs 128, Los Angeles Clippers 98; Phoenix Suns 153, Denver Nuggets 118; Utah Jazz 111, Sacramento Kings 101; Portland Trail Blazers 118, Houston Rockets 98.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CLUBS' CUP: Semi-finals: Barcelona 101, Maccabi Tel Aviv 87; Pop '84 Split 93, Scavolini Pesaro 87.

BOWLS

BLACKPOOL: Greenalls Waterloo spring tournament: Second-round winners: E Garth (Great Eccleston), W Booth (Oldham), G Yates (Bolton), C Bradley, R Bates, D Hatchman (all Warrington), T Hewitt (Chester), K Burrows (Winsford), T Hughes (Pendleton), A Prescott, D Ashton (both Leigh), G Wood (Accrington).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Montreal Expos 4, St Louis Cardinals 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, New York Mets 2; Atlanta Braves 10, Houston Astros 4; Cincinnati Reds 1, San Diego Padres 0; San Francisco Giants 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 8.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 5, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 3, Cleveland Indians 1; Detroit Tigers 6, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Chicago White Sox 4, New York Yankees 3; Oakland A's 8, California Angels 5; Seattle Mariners 3, Minnesota Twins 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-off, first round: Norris division: St Louis Blues 3, Detroit Red Wings 2 (Blues win best-of-seven series, 4-3, and meet Minnesota North Stars in division finals). Smythe division: Edmonton Oilers 5, Calgary Flames 4 (Oilers win best-of-seven series, 4-3, and meet Los Angeles Kings in division finals).

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF: Poland 9, Denmark 5.

TENNIS

NICE: Men's tournament: Second round: H Leconte (Fr) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-3, 7-5; C Pioline (Fr) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-4, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt A Gómez (Ec), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

HOUSTON: Women's tournament: First round: S Cecchini (It) bt P Nelson (US), 6-4, 6-2; T Whitlinger (US) bt G Magers (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; S Smith (GB) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-3, 6-1; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt G Mosca (Br), 6-2, 6-3; C MacGregor (US) bt L Allen (US), 6-2, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt S La Fratta (It), 6-1, 3-6, 7-6. Second round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 6-3, 6-2.

BANGKOK: Women's tournament: Second round: M Miyauchi (Japan) bt T Takagi (Japan), 6-4, 6-3; M Werdel (US) bt J-A Faull (Aus), 6-4, 6-1; M Javer (GB) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-2, 6-0; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt P Kamstra (Neth), 4-6, 5-0, ret.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Newbridge 17, Ebbw Vale 15; Abertillery 28, Aberavon 25; Cheltenham 3, Gloucester 58.

SQUASH RACKETS

HI-TECH BRITISH OPEN: Men: Second round: R Norman (NZ) bt P Gregory (Eng), 9-2, 9-2, 7-9, 9-5; S Hailstone (Scot) bt F Johnson (Swe), 9-4, 1-9, 9-0, 9-2; S Meads (Eng) bt B Martin (Aus), 10-8, 9-3, 0-9, 5-9, 9-6. Women: First round: S Horner (Eng) bt T Myllyniemi (Fin), 9-6, 9-4, 9-4; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt D Olsen (HK), 9-0, 9-2, 9-2.

BOXING

NOTTINGHAM: Commonwealth welterweight *championship (12 rnds)*: Donovan Boucher (Can, holder) ko Kirkland Laing (GB), 9th rnd. Bantam (6 rnds): Craig Dermody (Manchester) bt Miguel Matthews (Ystalyfera), pts. Welter (6 rnds): Delroy Bryan (Nottingham) bt Anthony Ivory (Chicago), pts. Cruiser (6 rnds): Steve Osborne (Nottingham) drew with Art Stacey (Leeds). Light-middle (6 rnds): Chris Richards (Nottingham) drew with Paul Smith (Sheffield).

BLACKPOOL: George Wimpey ABA British semi-finals: England v Wales (English names first): Light-flyweight: P Culshaw bt M Hughes, rsc 2nd rnd. Fly: M Horobin ko S Rees, 3rd rnd. Bantam: M Gibbon wo S Boyce. Feather: J Irwin bt P Samuels, pts. Light: P Ramsey bt J Cody, pts. Light-welter: A Stone lost to J Mathews, pts. Welter: V Rose lost to J Calzaghe, pts. Light-middle: T Taylor bt J Fielding, pts. Middle: M Edwards bt S Thomas, ret 1st rnd. Light-heavy: G Donaldson bt L Duncan, ret 3rd rnd. Heavy: D Roberts bt K Mumford, ret 2nd rnd. Super-heavy: D Holness lost to K McCormack, pts.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division: Featherstone Rovers 24, St Helens 32; Leeds 86, Leigh 10.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division

Shrewsbury v Cambridge

GM Vauxhall Conference

Northwich v Welling
Wycombe v Gateshead

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Southport v Witton.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Goole.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): First division: Derby County v Manchester City; Leeds v Wolves; Rotherham v Nottingham Forest. Second division: Blackpool v Mansfield; Scunthorpe v Burnley.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: West Ham v Fulham (7.00).

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Swansea v Barry.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Welsh Police v English Police (at Wrexham, 3.00).

CRICKET

(11.30 to 6.30)
LORD'S: MCC v Middlesex
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire
(11.00 to 5.30 or 6.00)
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Benson and Hedges International (St Mellion).

SQUASH RACKETS: Hi-Tec British Open (Lambs SC).

Brisbane line-up

Sergey Bubka, the pole vaulter, Steve Backley, the javelin thrower, and the swimmers, Matt Biondi and Tom Jager, head the list of early invitees to the inaugural Brisbane International Games from October 4 to 20.

TENNIS

Britons enjoy upsetting the seedings

SAMANTHA Smith, of Britain, was responsible for a shock result in the first round of £200,000 Virginia Slims of Houston tournament yesterday when she beat the eighth seed, Mercedes Paz.

Smith, who had to win through three qualifying rounds to reach the main draw, beat the highly-rated Argentinian 6-3, 6-1. Smith, aged 19, from Essex, who did not drop a set in her qualifying matches met little resistance from Paz.

"I just ran everything down and tried to put everything deep," Smith said. "That allowed me to get the first set and, once that was over, I had control."

☐ Monique Javer, the Californian-based British No. 4, reached the second round of the Volvo Open in Pattaya, Thailand, by beating Kristin Godridge, of Australia.

☐ Jeremy Bates upset the rankings again in the quarter-finals of the Taiwan Open. Following his first-round win over Tim Mayotte, he overcame the Canadian, Martin Laurendeau, 7-6, 7-6.

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SPORT

Souness eases back into the Anfield limelight

By Ian Ross

GRAEME Souness began a new chapter in the illustrious history of Liverpool Football Club without fuss yesterday but he gave signs that he may be more forthcoming about his methods than his predecessor, Kenny Dalglish.

Less than 24 hours after resigning as the manager of Rangers, with three years of his contract left to run, Souness met his new playing staff, renewing some old acquaintances in the process.

Souness was so keen to emphasize that Liverpool is now "his" club that he went so far as to allow reporters, photographers and cameramen into Mellwood, the club's training ground, to record the exact moment he met the Liverpool players.

It was the first time he had entered Liverpool's tactical research centre since he left Merseyside to join the Italian club, Sampdoria, in 1984, and he said: "It was good to see some familiar faces, even if they did look a little older."

He supervised his first training session then promptly returned to Anfield, swapping his muddied kit for more formal attire and holding his second press conference of the day.

If nothing else, it seems certain that his arrival at Anfield will signal a change, long overdue, in the club's public relations. Dealing with the media was a task which Dalglish never mangaged to treat as much more than a hindrance.

Souness was surprised when informed that the locally based national and local newspaper representatives would only require 30 minutes of his time on days preceeding first-team fixtures. He said: "In Scotland, they were around all the time."

Inevitably, his first task was to refute suggestions that the team he has inherited was on the verge of surrendering the championship without a fight. "I have watched them in recent weeks and, in footballing terms, they are still streets ahead of the rest," he said.

"What has happened this season can be put down to circumstances such as Kenny Dalglish going, injuries and the fact that this season has followed the World Cup finals."

Old friends: Souness, left, enjoys a joke with players Hysen, Rush and Whelan yesterday

Souness agreed the challenge of ensuring that Liverpool continue to dominate English football is likely to prove even more demanding than that he faced when he arrived at Ibrox in 1986.

"I would say, categorically, that this club is in better shape than Rangers was when I arrived there," he said. "There is a difference, however, because expectations are much higher here. When I went to Rangers, they hadn't won the title for ten years. If Liverpool don't win the championship, it has been a bad season.

"There is a lot of work to be done in the next few years but that is for the future. At the moment, we still have a chance of winning the League championship and I am just hoping that someone can do us a favour when playing against Arsenal."

Although Souness will take charge of team affairs for the League game against Norwich City at Anfield on Saturday, he will be guided, in terms of selection, by Ronnie Moran, who has reverted to the role of senior coach after eight weeks as Liverpool's caretaker manager.

"I will be learning more from him than he will be learning from me," he said. "I believe we have some of the best players in Britain here and one of this club's secrets is that the so-called outstanding players work just as hard as the bread-and-butter players.

"If we succeed, we shall do so as a team; if we fail, we shall do so as a team. There is pressure in every job but I shall be well paid to handle the pressure of being manager of Liverpool."

Souness will not hesitate to accept advice from whatever source in the months ahead. Indeed, he expects to consult Dalglish about certain aspects of his new job in the not too distant future.

"Kenny is my best friend within the game and one of my best friends outside it," he said. "I know that he will volunteer any information which he may feel I will find useful."

☐ Souness was last night wondering whether or not a touchline ban imposed in Scotland was still applicable following his move south (Clive White writes). The Football Association would not comment yesterday until they had examined the terms of the Scottish FA ban.

It does seem, though, that Souness should be able to take his place in the Anfield dug-out for his first match in charge against Norwich on Saturday. A spokesman for the Scottish FA, who posted the details to their English counterparts last night, said: "It was a domestic ban in that it only applied to matches played under our jurisdiction. It didn't apply to Uefa competitions."

The ban on Souness — for swearing — should have ended in May of last year but a television camera captured him in the tunnel during a game against Heart of Midlothian at Ibrox, and the suspension was extended until the end of next season.

Cox appeals for buyer to save Derby County

By Dennis Shaw

ARTHUR Cox, the Derby County manager, has appealed for a purchaser of the stricken football club to emerge quickly to secure the future of his coveted international pair, Dean Saunders of Wales, and Mark Wright of England.

Cox was speaking in response to comments by his chairman, Robert Maxwell, on television the previous day, when he said Saunders and Wright would have to be sold to clubs "who could afford to pay their wages".

The Derby manager is aware that if Saunders and Wright, and possibly others, do leave, then a further slide in playing fortunes after relegation to the second division will be almost inevitable.

Maxwell's attempts to sell Derby have not been successful so far, and Cox's fear, along with relegation, is that interested clubs — including Liverpool and Aston Villa — cannot be denied much longer. "All I can do is make a sincere and genuine plea for somebody, be it a man, a lady, a business consortium or any group of people, to please come and buy this club," he said.

"Please approach Mr Maxwell, do it properly and get it sorted out. It is very obvious that Mr Maxwell wants to sell and wants to do so quickly."

Cox is alarmed at the prospect of the team he took from the third division to a commanding place in the first before slipping back again, now losing its prime assets.

Although he was careful in his choice of words, he is fearful that, if in excess of £4 million was raised by the sale of Wright, the England centre half, and Saunders, the Welsh forward partner for Ian Rush, little or none of it would be made available for adequate replacements.

Maxwell's remarks, when being interviewed for BBC TV in New York, suggested that the football public of Derby and smaller surrounding towns and villages did not deserve a first-division club because it had not shown sufficient support. "What business of theirs is it what I do with my money?" he asked in answer to a query about his feelings on adverse public reaction to the impending sales.

The transfer of Wright and Saunders to settle outstanding commitments, followed by the sale of the club for a lower figure than the £8 million frequently quoted, seems the obvious implication.

Cox instructed Wright and Saunders to say nothing publicly on the subject, although the situation is clearly unsettling for them.

Saunders restricted himself to commenting: "I shall just carry on as normal. As long as I am a Derby player I will continue to give them my best."

Liverpool, now led by Graeme Souness, who has been given the go-ahead by his board to strengthen his team, will be the first in the queue for either or both, and will be clear favourites.

But all of the top clubs and some from abroad will be among those interested. Aston Villa are keen on the pair, having attempted to purchase Wright less than a year ago.

They have some financial muscle but, after a season when they fell from runners-up under Graham Taylor to strugglers in the hands of the former Czechoslovakian national coach, Jozef Venglos, would probably be outbid.

☐BRUSSELS — Guy Thys said yesterday that the European championship qualifying match against Germany next month could be his last match as Belgium's coach (Reuter reports). He said there were three candidates to succeed him — the Bruges coach, Georges Leekens, Robert Waseige, of Liege, and the former international, Paul Van Himst.

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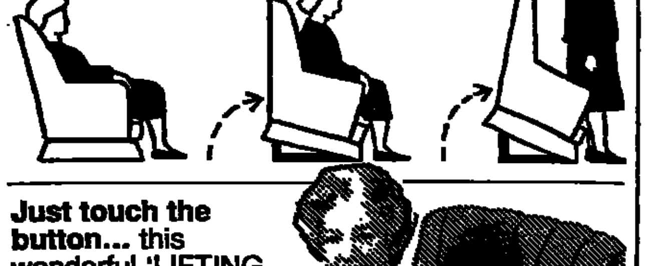

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Problems mount for Vogts

HANOVER (Reuter) — Berti Vogts, the German football manager, facing a growing list of injured defenders, called up Dietmar Beiersdorfer, of Hamburg, yesterday for the European championship match against Belgium next month.

Beiersdorfer, aged 27, was the only new face in a 20-man squad that included 13 members of West Germany's World Cup-winning squad and two former East German internationals, Thomas Doll and Matthias Sammer.

Guido Buchwald, of Stittgart, who is out with a torn ankle ligament, was excluded from the squad for the match, to be played on May 1 in Hanover.

Three other players in the party are injured. Juergen Kohler, of Bayern Munich, has a muscle tear in the thigh, Andreas Brehme, of Inter Milan, has a broken toe, and Rudi Voeller, of AS Roma, also has a torn thigh muscle..

Facing the future with fingers crossed: Frank Bruno, the British heavyweight boxer, returns to his home in Essex yesterday after undergoing an eye operation in Manchester. Career in doubt, page 36

Hick warms to the task

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S (second day of four): MCC, with seven first-innings wickets standing, are 206 runs behind Middlesex

The crowd at Lord's numbered only a few hundred yesterday, and until 5.20pm they had to rely for their entertainment on a demonstration from Philip Tufnell that, despite winter evidence to the contrary, he really can bat and field.

Then came the entrance of Graeme Hick, instantly elevating the day to a different plane. Hick's first innings as a qualified Englishman began with five balls from a disqualified Englishman, John Emburey. With regal disdain, he dispatched them for four fours and a three, the last run with a reluctance which suggested he wished to deal exclusively in boundaries.

Hick was made to look mortal by Neil Williams, who twice hit him on the shoulder with rising balls, but Hick will resume today on 57, and it might be worth braving the weather to see it.

Up to when Hick sprinted down the pavilion steps, this had been a day designed for pondering the value of this fixture. It has been a tradition for more than 20 years now but as it is played when few are in authentic form or fitness and when the weather is invariably hostile, it can often develop in to an uncomfortable exercise in futility.

This was certainly the case yesterday when play was regularly interrupted by the fall of something wintry (snow is not expected until later today), and the full England squad session on the Nursery End adjourned indoors, though only after David Gower had shivered his way through a longer net than he customarily likes at this time of year.

Hick's first contribution of the day was to catch Brown off Pick at second slip, which looked simpler than it can have been with frozen fingers. Downton, having been reprieved by Bicknell at short-leg, obligingly steered Watkin to gully, and when Emburey and Headley quickly followed, the latter fortunate to last for three balls, the champions' innings seemed about to subside quietly. Instead, we were to witness an improbable stand of 55 for the ninth wicket between Williams, who whipped two sixes to the short Grandstand boundary, and Tufnell, whose progress to within three of his career-best score included being missed twice in a Munton over.

The second drop was committed by Illingworth who scurried to retrieve the ball and comfortably ran out Williams, who had been ambitiously called for a second run. Tufnell failed to prosper, Hussain taking a one-handed catch over his shoulder at cover which was twice as difficult as the slip chance he had earlier spilled.

The three Middlesex seam bowlers, all of Caribbean descent,could have been excused a diffident start in driving sleet, but Headley, registered only recently from Worcestershire, showed deceptive pace on a pitch which had quickened since Tuesday. Only 21, and the son of the former West Indies opener Ron, Headley could not have anticipated making his first-class debut so rapidly. But he looks a useful acquisition.

Williams also summoned some impressive speed and bounce, enough to have Bicknell caught at long-leg mistiming a hook and Morris taken at second slip. Both made 44, and will be vying for attention this summer should anything befall Gooch or Atherton.

Fairbrother fell to an ugly pull, his stumps spreadeagled to give Headley his maiden wicket, but Hick reached his 50, from 45 balls, with his tenth four. It came, as had his first, by courtesy of a Tufnell misfield.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry lbw b Thorpe	98
J C Pooley b Munton	17
I J F Hutchinson c Morris b Thorpe	70
M R Ramprakash c Rhodes b Illingworth	28
K R Brown c Hick b Pick	44
†P R Downton c Fairbrother b Watkin	32
*J E Emburey c Bicknell b Watkin	4
N F Williams run out	29
D W Headley b Pick	0
P C R Tufnell c Hussain b Munton	34
N G Cowans not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 12, nb 3)	17
Total	377

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-189, 3-202, 4-246, 5-292, 6-308, 317-7, 318-8, 373-9.

BOWLING: Pick 27-4-65-2; Watkin 30-7-68-2; Munton 31,1-7-68-2; Thorpe 15-2-48-2; Illingworth 22-2-46-1; Hick 4-0-18-0.

MCC: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Headley b Williams	44
*H Morris c Roseberry b Williams	44
G A Hick not out	57
N H Fairbrother b Headley	5
N Hussain not out	11
Extras (lb 5, nb 5)	10
Total (3 wkts)	171

G P Thorpe, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, T A Munton, R A Pick and S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 124-2, 145-3.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Women demand equal payment

By Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent

THE $6 million Grand Slam Cup, boycotted last year by Boris Becker and won by Pete Sampras, who took home $2 million for his victory, ran into further trouble last night over the possible inclusion of women in this year's event in Munich in December.

After several months of talks between the Grand Slam Committee, which controls the event, and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), the governing body of the women's game, the board of the WTA yesterday issued a challenge to the committee to invite the top 16 women to compete this year. But, said the board, only on condition that they received equal prize-money to the men at the Grand Slam Cup and, more significantly, in all the grand slams during the year.

There was a strong feeling in the women's game that they should have been included in initial plans for the Grand Slam Cup. But the organisers want only the top eight women qualifiers, not 16 as the WTA insist to take part this year, half the size of the draw for the men, with the prize-money distributed proportionally.

"It would be ludicrous for anyone to expect us to accept less than equal prize-money or draw size at the Grand Slam Cup and we are certainly not backing off on our long-standing efforts to secure equal prize-money at the French Open and Wimbledon," said the Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova, who is a member of the WTA executive committe.

By asking the Grand Slam Committee to issue their invitation, the WTA have brought the dispute out into the open and forced the committee's hand.

"The proposals about equal prize-money at all the grand slams come as a complete surprise to us. We will have to consider them and review our position," Bill Babcock, chief administrator of the Grand Slam Committee said.

Wimbledon is due to announce its prize fund for the 1991 championships later this month but it is unlikely to follow the US and Australian Opens in equalising the prize-money, at least this year.

Samaranch gives the go-ahead to S Africa

BARCELONA (Reuter) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), yesterday gave his blessing to South Africa's possible participation in the world athletics championships in Tokyo in August.

There has been speculation that Olympic leaders were keen to be the first to welcome South Africa back to the international sporting arena at the Olympic Games next year in Barcelona.

However, Samaranch said that the IOC would be happy to see South Africa in Tokyo.

The republic's return to the Olympics, from which it was expelled in 1970, and the lifting of an international athletics suspension imposed in 1976, depend on the removal of remaining apartheid laws.

President F. W. de Klerk has promised that the statute books will be cleaned up by the end of June.

At the same time, South African sports leaders are working towards a unified national sports structure to meet the IOC's conditions for a return to the Olympic movement.

The conditions were imposed at the end of an IOC mission to South Africa in March.

Auguin homes in on record

By Barry Pickthall

CHRISTOPHE Auguin, the French solo yachtsman leading the last stage of the BOC single-handed round the world race, looks set to break the 120-day barrier for the 27,000-mile circumnavigation, two weeks inside the existing record.

Speeding along at 12 knots yesterday, the Frenchman's 60ft yacht, Groupe Sceta, was within 1,300 miles of the finish at Newport, Rhode Island, having built up an 88-mile lead over Alain Gautier's Generali Concorde.

Auguin is confident of reaching the American port on Monday, but less certain whether he can also beat Auguin by the 21 hours necessary to lift the overall honours for the race.

Josh Hall, of Britain, continues to hold third place among the Class 2 fleet but has slipped 89 miles behind Don McIntyre, who is second-placed in the Australian 50-footer, Buttercup. A week ago, the rivals were within sight of each other.

Robin Davie, from Cornwall, is enjoying better luck among the Corinthians. His 44-foot yacht, Global Exposure, the smallest in the fleet of 18 survivors, has led its class since the outset of this final 6,000-mile stage from Punta del Este, Uruguay, and has a 135-mile lead over Paul Thackaberry, the man in second place in Volcano.

Thackaberry, from the United States, has suffered a broken bowsprit but his four-and-a-half day lead built up earlier in the race, looks secure enough.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 9.50 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: 1, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 1,329 miles; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 1,421; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 1,698; 4, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 2,293; 5, Ecureuil PC (J Autissier, Fr), 2,302; 6, Duracell (M Plant, US), 2,394; 7, Grinaker (B Read, SA), 2,416; 8, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 2,419; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 2,449; 10, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 2,488. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 2,526; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 2,615; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 2,704; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 2,817; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 3,658.